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Secretary of State

P R O C L A M A T I O N

- WHEREAS, throughout American history, the Merchant Marine has been indispensable to our security and prosperity, and
- WHEREAS, today, our merchant fleet binds us in peaceful commerce with the increasingly interdependent nations of the world, and
- WHEREAS, in this decade alone, our imports and exports have risen nearly 60 percent -- from less than \$35 billion in 1960 to nearly \$55 billion in 1966, and
- WHEREAS, to remind Americans of the important role which the Merchant Marine plays in our national life, the Congress in 1933 designated the anniversary of the first transatlantic voyage by a steamship, the SS Savannah, on May 22, 1819, as National Maritime Day, and requested the President to issue a proclamation annually in observance of that day,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harold LeVander, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 22, 1967, as

"NATIONAL MARITIME DAY"

in Minnesota, and urge the people of the state to honor our American Merchant Marine by displaying the flag of the United States at their homes and other suitable places.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol in the City of Saint Paul this eighteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven, and of the State, the one hundred tenth.

*Harold LeVander*  
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