



Proclamation

WHEREAS: down through the years, the American merchant marine continued to serve our economic aspirations and to assist our military forces in times of emergency; and

WHEREAS: today, when the United States is the world leader in trade and military power, the dual roles of our merchant marine remain vital to the national interests; and

WHEREAS: under the Merchant Marine Act of 1970, new generations of highly advanced and efficient ships are being introduced into our merchant fleet to reinforce America's presence in the world's shipping lanes and to insure that our maritime capacities remain equal to their challenges; and

WHEREAS: to promote public awareness of our maritime heritage, the Congress in 1933 designated the anniversary of the first transatlantic voyage by a steamship, the Savannah, on May 22, 1819, as National Maritime Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 22, 1977 to be

MARITIME DAY

in Minnesota, and urge the people 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 this twenty-sixth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-seven and of the State the one hundred nineteenth.

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

James Anderson Grove
SECRETARY OF STATE

STATE OF MINNESOTA
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Secretary of State