



Proclamation

WHEREAS: THROUGHOUT THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES, TRADE AND SHIPPING HAVE MADE A VITAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE NATION'S GROWTH AND ECONOMIC VITALITY; AND

WHEREAS: THE AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINE CONTINUES TO AID THE DEVELOPMENT OF AMERICAN ENTERPRISE AND TO FOSTER THE WELL-BEING OF ALL AMERICAN CITIZENS BY PROVIDING U.S. INDUSTRIAL, DEFENSE AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES;

WHEREAS: OUR MERCHANT MARINE HAS SHOWN GREAT DEDICATION AND LOGISTIC SUPPORT TO UNITED STATES MILITARY FORCES IN TIMES OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY; AND

WHEREAS: IN RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINE, AND IN COMMEMORATION OF THE DEPARTURE FROM SAVANNAH, GEORGIA, ON MAY 22, 1819, OF THE S.S. SAVANNAH ON THE FIRST TRANSATLANTIC VOYAGE BY ANY STEAMSHIP, THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED MAY 22 OF EACH YEAR AS NATIONAL MARITIME DAY AND REQUESTED THE PRESIDENT TO ISSUE ANNUALLY A PROCLAMATION CALLING FOR APPROPRIATE OBSERVANCES;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERT H. QUIE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MAY 22, 1980 TO BE

NATIONAL MARITIME DAY

IN MINNESOTA, AND HAVE ASKED LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR LOU WANGBERG TO PREPARE THIS PROCLAMATION FOR MY SIGNATURE AND DISSEMINATE THE SAME. FURTHER, I URGE ALL MINNESOTANS TO HONOR OUR AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINE, ON THIS DAY, AND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE HAVE HEREUNTO SET OUR HANDS AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO BE AFFIXED THIS THIRTEENTH DAY OF MAY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ON THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY, AND OF THE STATE THE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD.

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