



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 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, ALBERT H. QUIE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MAY 22, 1981 TO BE

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 MINNESOTANS TO HONOR OUR AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINE BY DISPLAYING THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES AT THEIR HOMES AND OTHER SUITABLE PLACES.

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

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