



## 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, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, May 22, 1985, to be

*Maritime Day*

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STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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in Minnesota.

*Jean Anderson Howe*  
Secretary of State

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this sixteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-four, and of the State the one hundred twenty-sixth.

*Rudy Perpich*  
GOVERNOR

*Jean Anderson Howe*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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