



Proclamation

WHEREAS: The United States Merchant Marine has served America with pride and honor since before the Revolutionary War; and

WHEREAS: President John Adams stated in his memoirs, "No group of individuals did more for establishing our country than the American merchant seamen and privateers. Their record speaks eloquently of their devotion and sacrifices"; and

WHEREAS: The United States Merchant Marine sacrificed much as they gallantly accomplished their missions during World War II; and

WHEREAS: In World War II more than 6,700 merchant mariners lost their lives, more than 700 merchant ships were sunk, and more than 600 merchant mariners were held as prisoners of war; and

WHEREAS: Official Coast Guard figures indicate that 43 merchant mariners from Minnesota died and one was held as prisoner during World War II; and

WHEREAS: The Merchant Marine has served this country well and its admirable record is a source of pride for citizens throughout the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, July 2, 1986, to be

MERCHANT MARINE DAY

in Minnesota in honor of all merchant mariners and veterans.

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-fourth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-six, and of the State the one hundred twenty-eighth.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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