



## Proclamation

WHEREAS: Over 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 vital roles of our merchant marine remain vital to the national interests; and

WHEREAS: Under the Merchant Marine Act of 1970, new generations of high 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 capabilities 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 the month of May 22 to be

MARITIME DAY

in Minnesota.

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-third day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-six, and of the State the one hundred twenty-eight.

*Rudy Perpich*  
GOVERNOR

*Jean Anderson Hesse*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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Secretary of State

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