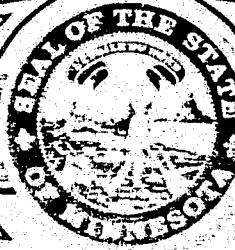


STATE OF MINNESOTA



Proclamation

WHEREAS: Down through the ages, the Merchant Marine has 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 our national interests; and

WHEREAS: Under the Merchant Marine Act of 1971, 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 ensure 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 April 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-seven, and of the State the one hundred and forty-eighth.

A large, handwritten signature of Rudy Perpich, followed by the word "GOVERNOR" in smaller letters.

A handwritten signature of Jean Anderson Henningsen, followed by the title "SECRETARY OF STATE".

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Jean Anderson Henningsen
Secretary of State
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