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STATE OF MINNESOTA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has designated May 22nd of each year as Maritime Day, and a presidential proclamation has been issued calling upon the people to join in the observance of this day which is dedicated to honoring the wartime service of the United States Merchant Marine, and

WHEREAS, historically, Maritime Day commemorates the day that the first American steam vessel, "The Savannah", commenced its trip across the Atlantic ocean from Savannah, Georgia, to Liverpool, England, in 1819, thereby marking the beginning of steam propulsion for vessels in international trade, and

WHEREAS, our Merchant Marine is manned by more than a thousand brave and courageous seamen from the State of Minnesota, and

WHEREAS, every state has a vital interest in the wartime record and postwar promise and possibilities of our great merchant fleet,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDWARD J. THYE, GOVERNOR of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim

Friday, May 22, 1945

as

MARITIME DAY

in Minnesota, and I strongly urge the citizens of the State to display the flag at their homes or other suitable places on this day, and to pause briefly to consider the important work of the Merchant Marine.

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 in St. Paul, this 19th day of May, 1945.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

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Secretary of State.
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