

*Handwritten notes:*  
H  
L  
P  
S  
T

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the restoration of our merchant fleet to a position of leadership on the world's oceans is one of our most urgent tasks; our merchant ships are essential parts of our economic and defense systems, and reminders to us and to the world of our heritage as a sea-going people, and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the importance of our Merchant Marine to our economy and our national security, the Congress in 1933 set aside May 22 of each year as National Maritime Day and requested the President to issue annually a proclamation calling for the observance of that day,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harold LeVander, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 22, 1970 as

MARITIME DAY

in Minnesota, and urge the people to honor our American Merchant Marine by displaying the flag of the United States at their homes and other suitable places.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this eleventh day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy and of the State, the one hundred thirteenth.

*Joseph L. Donovan*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Harold LeVander*  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
FILED  
MAY 13 1970  
*Joseph L. Donovan*  
Secretary of State

21587