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A PROCLAMATION  
(National Maritime Day)

WHEREAS, the future peace of the world, so earnestly sought by all, will be immeasurably advanced by the cooperation of the several nations in removing excessive restrictions upon international trade, and the United States has already assumed the lead in the reduction of barriers to world commerce, and

WHEREAS, international trade and travel, utilizing merchant shipping on all the oceans of the globe, will serve as a vehicle of increased participation of the United States in world affairs, and

WHEREAS, the welfare of the American Merchant Marine is of the utmost importance to our national economy, our national defense, and our friendly intercourse with foreign nations, and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 1819, the steamship The Savannah set sail from Savannah, Georgia, on the first successful transoceanic voyage under steam propulsion, thus making a material contribution to the advancement of ocean transportation, now

THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of South Carolina, do hereby call upon the people of South Carolina to observe May 22, 1948, as NATIONAL MARITIME DAY by displaying the flag at their homes or other suitable places, and by reflecting on the benefits of a strong Merchant Marine.

Given under my hand and seal  
this 5th day of April in the  
year of our Lord, nineteen  
hundred and forty-eight.

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J. Strom Thurmond, Governor