

A P R O C L A M A T I O N

(National Maritime Day)

WHEREAS the American Merchant Marine rendered great service to this country in the last great war, and

WHEREAS in developing the future economy of South Carolina the Merchant Marine will be of vital assistance and importance, and

WHEREAS the establishment of a thriving and sound foreign trade will be of immeasurable value to not only the economy of this section of the nation, but also to an understanding and peaceful relationship with the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, by the power vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 22 NATIONAL MARITIME DAY, and urge all citizens, civic organizations and churches to pay due tribute to this great part of our economic life.

GIVEN under my hand and seal this 10th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-nine.

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J. Strom Thurmond, Governor