

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, the Merchant Marine has been indispensable to our security and prosperity throughout American history; and

**WHEREAS**, today our merchant fleet binds us in peaceful commerce with increasingly interdependent nations of the world; and

**WHEREAS**, merchant ships carry the essentials of life to millions in need; and

**WHEREAS**, to remind Americans of the important role which the Merchant Marine plays in our national life, the Congress in 1933, designated the anniversary of the first transatlantic voyage by the Merchant Marine as National Maritime Day, and requested of the President that he issue a proclamation annually in observance of that day; and

**WHEREAS**, each year, men and women from every state who are serving the American Merchant Marine are honored, along with the many seamen who lost their lives in World War II;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim May 22, 2002, as

**MARITIME DAY**

in the State of Mississippi and encourage all citizens to participate in the various ceremonies regarding this day throughout the state.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, March 6, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-fifth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR