



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the seas lanes of the world have served as gateways for commerce and cultural exchange from the earliest times in our history; and

WHEREAS, with merchants and seamen of our young republic playing a pivotal role in the development of a stable economy and a prosperous future for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, in time of war and peace, the American Merchant Marine has been dedicated to the orderly flow of goods and materials to and from the shores of our nation; and

WHEREAS, May 22, 1819, marks the day that the S.S. SAVANNAH sailed from Savannah, Georgia for Liverpool, England on their first successful crossing of the Atlantic by a ship using steam propulsion; and

WHEREAS, each year on this day, men and women from all our United States currently serving in the American Merchant Marine are honored, along with those who served with such dedication and valor and those many semen who lost their lives in our wars and conflict.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR of the City of Key West, along with the entire Key West City Commission do hereby proclaim May 22nd, 2023 as

MARITIME DAY

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States." I would like to urge all citizens, residents, and visitors of our Southernmost City to participate fittingly in the observation.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 16th day of May, 2023.


Teri Johnston, Mayor