

**PROCLAMATION**  
of the  
**SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**PROCLAIMING MAY 22, 2024**  
**NATIONAL MARITIME DAY in SEMINOLE COUNTY**

**WHEREAS** a notable contribution was made in the history of ocean transportation when the steamship “The Savannah” set sail from the United States on May 22, 1819 and made the first successful voyage across the Atlantic Ocean under steam propulsion; and

**WHEREAS** since 1775, our ships sailing every ocean, have been manned by courageous officers and seamen all of whom have left the security of their homes and many of whom have given their lives for the land of their allegiance; and

**WHEREAS** American merchant ships and the men and women who sail them, implement our national policy of providing food and supplies to the famished and stricken of the world when the need arises; and

**WHEREAS** Merchant Mariners also actively protect our homeland, manning and operating Military Sealift Command and the Ready Reserve Force vessels in support of rapid deployment for the worldwide deployment of U.S. Military Forces. They serve with distinction and courage, heading into war zones, and too often sacrificing their own lives for our protection; and

**WHEREAS** on National Maritime Day, we recognize the important role the United States Merchant Marine plays in supporting our commerce and national security, and we honor the proud history of our Merchant Mariners and their important contributions in strengthening our economy.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that we, the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida, express our gratitude, admiration, and respect to the Merchant Mariners for their outstanding service, and do hereby proclaim May 22, 2024 as:

**NATIONAL MARITIME DAY**

**ADOPTED** this 14th day of May 2024.



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**Jay Zembower, Chairman**  
**Seminole County Board of County Commissioners**