

*Proclamation*  
*National Maritime Day*

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**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; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 20, 1933, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America assembled and designated May 22nd of each year as National Maritime Day; and

**WHEREAS**, during WW II in what became the world’s largest sealift operation, more than 250,000 members of the American Merchant Marines served their country, with over 6,700 losing their lives, hundreds being detained as prisoners of war and in excess of 800 ships being sunk or damaged; and

**WHEREAS**, waterways have greatly contributed to expanding America's economy, developing cities near waterways, and facilitating vast domestic and international commerce crucial to our economy today; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Merchant Marines and thousands of other workers in our Nation's maritime industry continue to make immeasurable contributions to our economic strength and ongoing efforts to build a more peaceful world; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Merchant Marines also shepherd the safe passage of American goods, move exports to customers around the world, support the flow of domestic commerce on our maritime highways, strengthen our Nation's economy, bolster job creation, and, along with the transportation industry, employ Americans on ships and tugs, and in ports, like our Port of Caddo Bossier; and


**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission to increase the awareness of the maritime industry within Caddo and Bossier Parishes and the State of Louisiana.

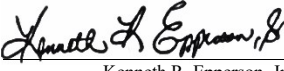
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission joins the President of the United States of America in proclaiming May 22, 2025, as National Maritime Day and calls upon the citizens of Caddo and Bossier Parishes to celebrate this observance.


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution be a part of the official minutes of the Caddo Parish Commission and that a copy be transmitted to the Caddo-Bossier Port Commission in honor of their outstanding service and dedication.

*ATTEST:*

  
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Commission Clerk

  
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