

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN

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**Proclaim May 22, 2018 National Maritime Day**

On May 22, 1819, the American steamship *Savannah* sailed from the United States to England becoming the first successful transoceanic voyage under steam propulsion to cross the Atlantic Ocean. Since then, the maritime industry has transported cargo and passengers, making it one of the world’s largest economies and strengthening our ties with trading partners around the world. Additionally, the US Merchant Marine served as an auxiliary to the United States Government by shipping troops and supplies to every action in WWII and subsequent conflicts. For their actions and service in WWII, those US Merchant Mariners were recognized with Veterans status in 1987.

On May 20, 1933, Congress declared May 22 as National Maritime Day to reflect the gratitude that Americans have for those who serve as merchant mariners and to recognize the benefits the maritime industry brings to the country.

**I, THEREFORE MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors proclaim May 22, 2018 as National Maritime Day in Los Angeles County.

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