

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: Wed., May 16, 2007

Division: BOCC

Bulk Item: Yes  No

Department: Mayor Di Gennaro, District 4

Staff Contact Person: Tamara Lundstrom  
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**AGENDA ITEM WORDING:** Proclamation declaring May 22, 2007 as Maritime Day.

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**ITEM BACKGROUND:** Honoring the men and women who currently serve our nation, as well as those who have lost their lives in past conflicts, in the American Merchant Marines, dedicated to the orderly flow of goods and materials to and from the shores of our nation.

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**PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:**

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**CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:**

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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**TOTAL COST:** \_\_\_\_\_ **BUDGETED:** Yes  No

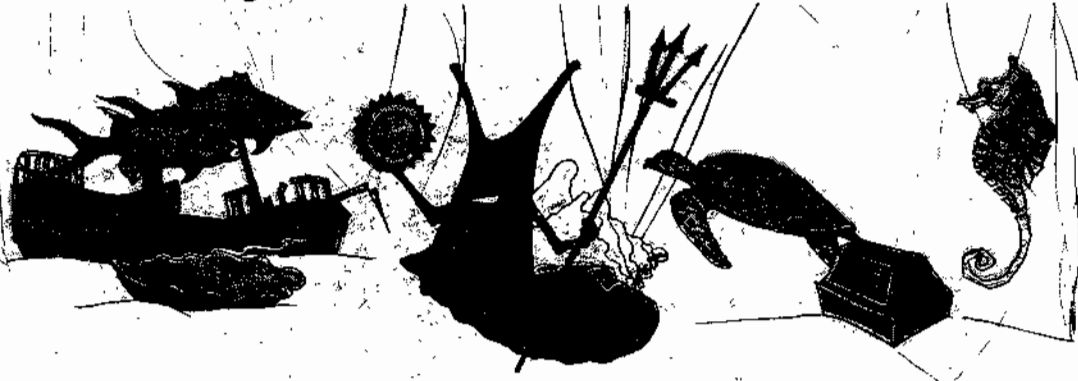
**COST TO COUNTY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SOURCE OF FUNDS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**REVENUE PRODUCING:** Yes  No  **AMOUNT PER MONTH** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED BY:** County Atty  OMB/Purchasing  Risk Management

**DOCUMENTATION:** Included  Not Required

**DISPOSITION:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AGENDA ITEM #** \_\_\_\_\_



# Mayor's Proclamation

## MARITIME DAY

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

**WHEREAS**, our merchants and seamen of our young republic have played 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; and

**WHEREAS**, this was the first successful crossing of the Atlantic by a ship using steam propulsion; and


**WHEREAS**, each year on this day, men and women from all over the United States currently serving in the American Merchant Marines are honored, along with the many seaman who lost their lives in World War II and those who served with such dedication and valor in the Korean, Vietnam, and Persian Gulf conflicts; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, by virtue of the power vested in me as the Mayor of Monroe County, I, Mario Di Gennaro, do proclaim May 22, 2007 as

## MARITIME DAY

And urge all citizens, residents and visitors of Monroe County to join me in honoring the men and women of the state who have contributed to the success of our merchant fleet in times of peace and war.

DATED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007.

  
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Mayor Mario Di Gennaro  
Monroe County