

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2022

**A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE MAY 22, 2022, AS NATIONAL MARITIME DAY, AND TO ENCOURAGE CITIZENS OF SHREVEPORT TO CELEBRATE THIS OBSERVANCE AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**BY: COUNCILMAN JAMES GREEN**

**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**, merchant mariners have served America with distinction throughout our history, but especially at critical moments of war and natural disaster; 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 Shreveport City Council to increase the awareness of the maritime industry within the City of Shreveport.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that the Shreveport City Council joins the President of the United States of America and the Caddo Bossier Parishes Port Commission in proclaiming May 22, 2022, as National Maritime Day and calls upon the citizens of Shreveport to celebrate this observance.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or application, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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City Attorney's Office