



Proclamation

WHEREAS: Captain William D. Bowell, Sr. has long been cradled by the gentle currents of, and schooled in the rich lore and history of the Father of the Waters; and

WHEREAS: Captain William D. Bowell, Sr. happened to have a great, great, great, great, great, great, great, great grandfather named Jonathan Padelford, a 17th century pioneer; and

WHEREAS: Captain William D. Bowell, Sr.'s great-grandfather planted his roots in Minnesota in 1856; and

WHEREAS: Captain William D. Bowell, Sr. became a licensed river boat pilot in 1950; and

WHEREAS: Captain William D. Bowell, Sr. did, in the year 1970, build a mighty river boat which, ever since, has borne the name of the aforementioned ten-times removed grandfather; and

WHEREAS: The Padelford fleet has welcomed more than three million happy wayfarer aboard to cruise the Mississippi River in Minneapolis and St. Paul; and

WHEREAS: Captain William D. Bowell, Sr. was the founding president of the National Passenger Vessel Association; and

WHEREAS: Captain William D. Bowell, Sr. has provided leadership and otherwise made outstanding contributions to the national passenger vessel industry; and

WHEREAS: Captain William D. Bowell, Sr. will be honored for his tireless efforts by his colleagues when he is presented the Lifetime Achievement Award, the highest honor bestowed by the National Rivers Hall of Fame on May 20, 1995, in Dubuque, Iowa;

NOW THEREFORE, I, ARNE H. CARLSON, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 20, 1995 to be

CAPTAIN WILLIAM D. BOWELL, SR. DAY

in Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this twentieth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-five and of the State the one hundred and thirty-seventh.

Arne H. Carlson
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE

