

**A Message from the Honourable Paul Davis  
Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador**

On behalf of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, we are proud to recognize September 3 as Merchant Navy Remembrance Day and pay tribute to these valiant heroes. This day of remembrance is a small but important gesture to honour the significant contributions and sacrifice of Canadian merchant mariners, as well as Allied Merchant Navies and American Merchant Marine veterans.

As our country marks the 12th Merchant Navy Day of Remembrance, we express our sincerest gratitude for the vital roles these men and women played in both the First and Second World Wars. Merchant mariners served predominantly on the front lines, consequently suffering heavy casualties and losing their lives either to the harsh sea or at the hands of their captors as prisoners of war.

Installed in 1997 by the Newfoundland chapter of the Canadian Merchant Navy, a memorial stands at the Marine Institute in St. John's to honour our merchant mariners. This monument bears the names of 332 seamen and one woman from Newfoundland and Labrador killed by enemy action during the Second World War.

Our government and the people of Newfoundland and Labrador join the country in commemorating Canada's Merchant Navy. May we never forget these heroes.

Sincerely,



**The Honourable Paul Davis  
Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador**