



STATE of MINNESOTA

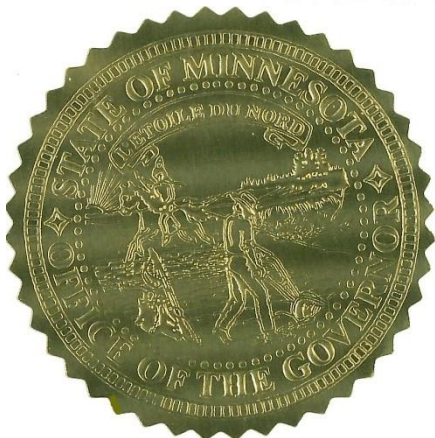
Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Trees and forest soils keep our lakes and streams clean by absorbing and filtering pollutants and sediments; and
- WHEREAS: Forests prevent flooding and reduce stormwater by capturing and storing rainwater and snowmelt, which is then slowly released to our lakes, streams, and groundwater; and
- WHEREAS: Careful management of our trees and forests protects drinking water and reduces the cost of water treatment; and
- WHEREAS: Sound management of forested lands surrounding the Mississippi River ensures clean drinking water for more than one million Minnesotans; and
- WHEREAS: About three-quarters of Minnesotans get their drinking water from the forested parts of the state; and
- WHEREAS: Planting and maintaining trees is a natural and easy way to keep our water clean; and
- WHEREAS: The last Friday in April, and throughout the month of May, Minnesotans pay special tribute to our trees as natural resources and dedicate ourselves to the vitality of our forests.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 30, 2021, as:

ARBOR DAY

in the State of 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 30th day of April.

Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE

Filed on April 30, 2021
Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State,
Steve Simon