



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Climate change is a complex problem that impacts all Minnesotans and our ability to thrive; and

WHEREAS: The health and longevity of Minnesota's trees are being affected by changing temperatures and precipitation, more extreme weather events, and increasing pressure from pests, diseases, and invasive species; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota is at risk to lose over one billion ash trees due to emerald ash borer, which would impact carbon storage, habitat, water movement, and water quality; and

WHEREAS: Trees capture carbon from the atmosphere and store it in their trunks, roots, and the surrounding soil thereby offsetting greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS: A healthy tree canopy decreases temperatures along streets providing cooler spaces in the summertime; and

WHEREAS: Trees reduce stormwater runoff and act as a filter, preventing sediments and pollutants from washing into waterways; and

WHEREAS: Minnesotans can help build resilient communities and reduce the negative impacts of climate change by planting and caring for trees One Tree at a Time.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2021, as:

## ARBOR MONTH

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 30<sup>th</sup> 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