

STATE OF MINNESOTA,  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

PROCLAMATION.

To protect their dwelling places from the cold prairie winds in winter and the intense heat of midsummer, the pioneers of our State set out groves about them. As the forest trees were felled and great areas made desolate, the broad prairies were dotted with groups and the highways across them marked by lines of trees.

When the State was young, our citizens caused a day each year to be set apart when school boys and girls might learn the value of trees and what is necessary for their growth, and it is a well established custom on Arbor Day to plant trees on the school grounds.

The value of shelter belts around fields and farm buildings on the prairies is now well understood, and it is to be hoped that in the pine and spruce country of the North, belts of woodland will be retained and maintained for the protection of fields and buildings.

The close relationship between tree life and bird life is obvious. We have no neighbors we would miss more than the feathered songsters, none that we should protect with more jealous care.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Winfield S. Hammond, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim

FRIDAY, APRIL TWENTY-THIRD,

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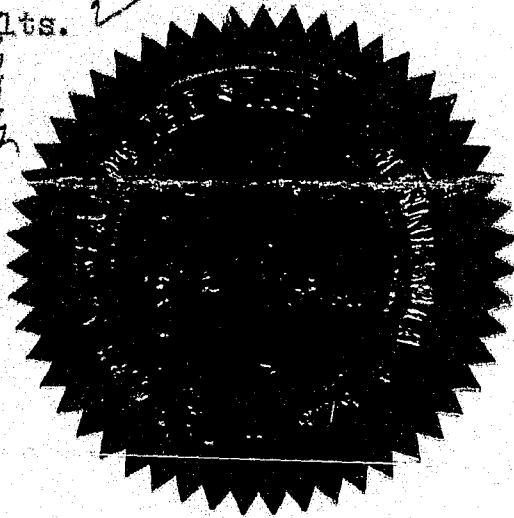
ARBOR AND BIRD DAY.

and urge its observance in the schools of the State and by our

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citizens generally.

Let trees be planted about the homes, along the country roads, and on the school grounds in the State. Let there be appropriate exercises in the school and a study of the need and the methods of planting trees and reforesting lands where the timber has been cut away. Let the children be taught to associate the trees and the birds and the important part <sup>the</sup> birds have in the development of our orchards and forests. Let all who are interested call upon our State Department of Forestry for information in reference to tree planting on the prairies and in the timbered region and in reference to the ~~maintenance~~ proper maintenance and management of wood lots and shelter belts.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereto affixed this 25th day of March, 1915.

*Winfield S. Hammond*

Attest:

Governor.

*Julius A. Schmalz*  
Secretary of State.

