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Joseph L. Johnson
Secretary of State

A PROCLAMATION FOR FOREST DAY

- WHEREAS, 1961 marks the Golden Anniversary of the Minnesota Forest Service, having been founded in the year 1911, and
- WHEREAS, our state and its people have always found constant strength, individual peace and personal pride in the beauty of our forest and timber lands, and
- WHEREAS, from the beginning of our service's founding, the forest and its products have provided a core of living and industry affecting and inspiring each citizen with majestic beauty and grandeur;
- WHEREAS, as we only reasonable measure, used before the availability and abundance, when properly encouraged and maintained, to notify the millions now growing around and through the efforts of the Minnesota Forest Service to can be assured of a continuous supply of timber for the future; and
- WHEREAS, the importance of our forest lands has developed with great vigor through wise management, scientific replanting and growth of this vital resource, and today, through the vigilance of the Minnesota Forest Service, our forest provides thousands of products—timber, paper, building materials, lumber, staples, chemicals, etc.—all dedicated to improving the material comforts of our citizens; and
- WHEREAS, in order to re-emphasize the importance and heritage of our most sacred resources and to pay tribute to those dedicated to their protection and maintenance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elmer L. Johnson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of June 18 through June 24, 1961, as

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in Minnesota and urge the people of Minnesota to seek to inform themselves of the vital work being done by the Minnesota Forest Service in order that they may be better informed and encourage the many products and services performed by this organization.

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 April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen and of the state, the one thousand eighth.

Elmer L. Johnson
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE