

On this 22nd day of March, 1916, Governor Burnquist duly issued and caused to be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State proclamation as follows:

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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PROCLAMATION

The season of the year has again arrived when every home in Minnesota can be beautified by the planting of trees, shrubbery and flowers, and when in our schools special study of arboreal life should be encouraged by fitting exercises and all of our citizens by proper activity be made to realize more fully the practical and aesthetic value of plant culture and tree life.

It is remarkable what a difference the manifestation of even a little community interest in the promotion of arboriculture makes in the appearance of the grounds of our schools and public buildings and of all of our farms and municipalities. An illustration of the combination of beauty and utility is the present day practice on the part of many employers of labor of making the surroundings of those working for them pleasant by having contiguous to their factories and shops grassy plots and lawns on which have been planted shade trees, vines and flowers. This custom cannot be too highly commended, and with very little expense and work could be adopted by a much larger number in our ~~many~~ different communities and in all walks of life, whereby many places that are now eye-sores would be transformed into spots of health and beauty.

Closely associated with the care and growth of trees and plants is the protection of bird life. The hostility and indifference of mankind to the feathered creatures of the woods should be eliminated and all possible efforts advanced to save from extermination these friends and com-

panions of man, who not only gladden him with their charm and the melodies they pour forth, but who are of much practical value in destroying many of the enemies of trees and crops.

In order to set apart a certain day, for the observing of which, wherever convenient, appropriate ceremonies may be held, I, J. A. A. Burnquist, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby designate and proclaim

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 1916,

to be

ARBOR AND BIRD DAY.

Witness my hand and the Great Seal  
of the State of Minnesota affixed  
hereto this 22nd day of March, 1916.

Attest:

*Julius A. Schuch*  
Secretary of State.

*J. A. A. Burnquist*  
Governor.

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In the office of Secretary  
of State this \_\_\_\_\_ 190\_\_  
at \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary of State

Proclamation  
Arbor Day