

STATE OF MINNESOTA
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Secretary of State

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, the people of the State of Minnesota have been blessed with over 15,000 lakes and 25,000 miles of streams and waterways, millions of acres of virgin wilderness, and vast fertile agricultural prairies, and
- WHEREAS, the continuing world population explosion has created a tremendous and rapidly accelerated demand for the products and services of our natural resources of soil, water, forests, grasslands, minerals, and wildlife, and
- WHEREAS, the natural beauty of Minnesota outdoors contributes immeasurably to the strengthening of the spiritual and moral character of our people as a surcease from the labors and tribulations of everyday living, and
- WHEREAS, tree farming on an organized basis will be 25 years old this year (1966) and Minnesota has been one of the leaders in Tree Farming with 1,650 certified tree farmers, and
- WHEREAS, it is prudent and even vital that we today design a program of protection, perpetuation, and wise use not only for ourselves, but for the generations to come, by the adoption of a far-reaching natural resource program with the understanding and solid support of all Minnesota citizens,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karl F. Rolvaag, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby designate the week of April 24 - 30 as

"MINNESOTA TREE FARM WEEK" and "MINNESOTA CONSERVATION WEEK"

and Friday, April 29, as

"ARBORE DAY"

and earnestly request that all citizens join the program to plant trees on Arbor Day and actively promote and urge the adoption of a comprehensive natural resource program, including beautification of our out-of-doors and water pollution control and abatement, to enhance the legacy of a beneficent Nature.

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 fifteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-six and of the State, the one hundred eighth.

Joseph L. Donovan
SECRETARY OF STATE

Karl F. Rolvaag
GOVERNOR

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