

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS: 1972 marks the 100th anniversary of Arbor Day, and
- WHEREAS: It is particularly appropriate this year to pay tribute to J. Sterling Morton, founder of Arbor Day, and
- WHEREAS: the first Arbor Day was celebrated in Nebraska, where Mr. Morton lived and was respected as a conservationist, newspaper editor, Burlington Railroad official, territorial governor and U. S. Secretary of Agriculture, and
- WHEREAS: his foresight has proved to be of unprecedented value in replacing trees cut to manufacture wood products and bulldozed to satisfy other human needs, and
- WHEREAS: the significance of Arbor Day grows more important each year because of increased concern for our environment, and
- WHEREAS: today, Arbor Day is observed in every state except Alaska, and other countries, as well, and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota was the second state to adopt the idea of Arbor Day,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the last Friday in April, the 28th, as

ARBOR DAY

in Minnesota, and urge all citizens to engage in appropriate tree planting ceremonies,

FURTHERMORE, I ask all citizens to join me in expressing gratitude to Burlington Northern for the gift of a ten foot Northern Pine tree to be planted on the Capitol grounds in commemoration of Arbor Day.

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 twenty-seventh day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-two, and of the State, the one hundred and fiftieth.

Wendell R. Anderson
GOVERNOR

Allen J. Edsall
SECRETARY OF STATE

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