

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: *the tree is one of our most valuable living plant resources; and*

WHEREAS: *the tree provides shade, beauty, protection and benefits the environment -- indeed is an indispensable asset to our ecology as an air filter, as a provider of oxygen, and a shield against noise pollution; and*

WHEREAS: *the tree has also provided the human race with an amazing array of useful products that have helped improve the general quality of life, from the first primitive agricultural tools to today's almost infinite variety of wood, paper and plastic products; and*

WHEREAS: *the planting of new trees is desirable and necessary to maintain the environment and provide for the wood product and comfort needs of future generations; and*

WHEREAS: *an urgent need for new and replacement tree plantings has been created in Minnesota by the destruction already done and still inevitable to the majority of our stately elm trees by the yet unstoppable Dutch Elm disease; and*

WHEREAS: *it is very appropriate that Minnesotans participate fully in this 101st national observance of Arbor Day;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 27, 1973, as

ARBOR DAY IN MINNESOTA

and urge all citizens to participate in this opportunity to plant appropriate trees and shrubs of mixed varieties that will mutually benefit this and many future generations.

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-sixth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-three and of the State the one hundred and fiftieth.

Wendell R. Anderson
GOVERNOR

Arlen J. Erdall
SECRETARY OF STATE

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