

STATE OF MINNESOTA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ST. PAUL

P R O C L A M A T I O N.

Fifty years ago the custom of setting apart one day each year to give special attention to the planting and protection of trees was established. In the half century in which Arbor Day has been observed annually, the importance of planting trees has become more and more evident. It is true we have made great progress in developing shelter belts and ornamental groves about our homes, but few people are awake to the fact that our forests, upon which we depend for lumber for a multitude of uses, are being cut down much more rapidly than they are being replaced.

In conformity to custom and in recognition of the importance in our economic life of trees, and of the feathered songsters which inhabit them, I, J. A. O. Preus, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby designate Friday, April 28th, 1922, as

ARBOR AND BIRD DAY.

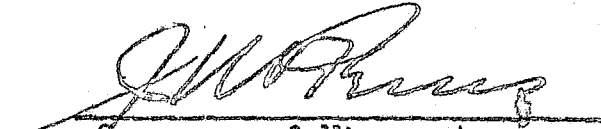
Trees should be planted upon our school grounds, around our homes, along our highways and amongst industrial centers. But Arbor Day should be made something more than merely the occasion for planting a few trees. In the schools there should be discussion of the relation of trees to our economic and social life. Pupils should be shown that trees are important not merely because they furnish shelter from the sun and wind, and lumber with which to build houses, but emphasis should be placed upon their part in providing the beautiful surroundings which are so essential to our happiness and contentment.

Community organizations and public officials should give special thought, first, to the preservation of natural timber tracts bordering on our lakes and streams and other places accessible to the public; second, to the careful and comprehensive planning for the planting of trees so as to beautify whole communities; third, to legislation which will encourage reforestation and scientific development and use of our forest areas. 2783

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When we think of trees, we think of birds. The trees are the homes of the birds, and the birds protect the trees by feeding upon destructive insects. In teaching children the value of trees, let us also teach them to appreciate and to protect the birds.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed hereto this twenty-ninth day of March, 1922.


Governor of Minnesota.

ATTEST:

Secretary of State.

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Wm. H. Johnson
Secretary of State