

STATE OF MINNESOTA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ST. PAUL

PROCLAMATION

A long established custom very appropriately decrees that we shall set aside one day each year for special thought to the planting of trees, for study of their relation to public welfare and for attention to the feathered songsters which inhabit them.

THEREFORE, I, J. A. O. Preus, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby designate, Friday, April twenty-seventh as

ARBOR AND BIRD DAY.

Our forests supply timber, protect our watersheds and promote wholesome recreation. With proper care, they would be adequate for these purposes, for many generations, but if needless waste by fire is permitted, they will soon be inadequate to the nation's needs. In an age when an ever increasing number of our people are so employed that they do not come in contact with the great outdoors, it becomes more and more necessary that we direct public attention to the importance of perpetuating our forests.

Recognizing that our forests are essential to our industrial and commercial life, to our strength as a nation, and to our individual well-being, and deploring the great annual loss by forest fires, caused largely by carelessness or thoughtlessness, President Warren G. Harding has designated the week of April 22-28 as Forest Protection Week.

Let us heed the President's request that citizens, teachers, officers of public instruction, commercial and other associations, and the press, unite in thought and effort for the preservation of the nation's forest resources by conducting appropriate exercises and programs and by publishing information pertaining to the waste from forest fires and ways of preventing or reducing such losses.

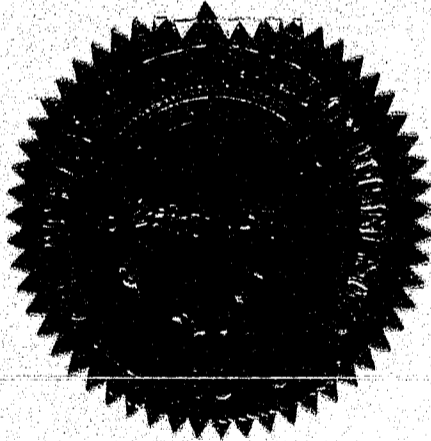
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Let us go farther. Let us make the whole week a tree planting and garden week. Let every man, woman and child who possibly can, plant a tree, a shrub and a flower. Let us take steps to re-forest areas not suited to agriculture. Let us surround our homes, whether in country or city, our factories, our public buildings and playgrounds, with fruit and shade trees and with flowering shrubs and plants.

Let us remember that

"He who plants a tree is the servant of God.
He provides a kindness for many a generation,
And faces that he hath not seen shall bless him."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed hereto this 28th day of March, 1923.



J. A. R. [Signature]
Governor of Minnesota.

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ATTEST:

Secretary of State.

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Secretary of State

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