



Proclamation

HEREAS: the tree is one of Minnesota's most valuable living plant resources; and

HEREAS: the tree is a gift to us from generations past -- a gift that must be replenished for the generations of the future; and

HEREAS: many of our stately elms and strong oaks are being destroyed by disease, thereby creating an urgent need for new and replacement tree plantings; and

HEREAS: Arbor Day marks the beginning of "The Greening of Minnesota," which covers a number of projects sponsored by the Minnesota Bicentennial Commission, the American Association of Nurserymen, the U.S. Marine Corps, the Minnesota Horticultural Society, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, the State Department of Natural Resources, and the State Department of Agriculture;

HEREAS: through this program more than a half million trees will be planted in Minnesota; and

HEREAS: in traditional Arbor Day ceremonies on Friday, April 30, a 20-foot Minnesota sugar maple, a gift to the state from the Minnesota Nurserymen's Association; will be planted in Mears Park and

HEREAS: Minnesota heritage trees, 8-foot ash, will be presented to student representatives of 100 metropolitan area high schools for later planting; and

HEREAS: ash seedlings donated by metropolitan banks and business firms will be presented to the general public attending the Arbor Day ceremonies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 30, 1976 to be

ARBOR DAY

FURTHERMORE, I proclaim the period from April 30 to May 30, 1976 to be

ARBOR MONTH

in Minnesota, and encourage all citizens to participate in "The Greening of Minnesota" by planting trees, shrubs, bushes and other plants, thus contributing to the enrichment and beautification of our state in this Bicentennial year.

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 thirtieth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-six and of the State the one hundred eighteenth.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
MAY - 3 1976
Secretary of State

Wendell R. Anderson
Governor

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