



State of Minnesota

Proclamation

WHEREAS: an urgent need for new and replacement tree plantings has been created in Minnesota because of the continuing spread of elm and oak tree disease; and

WHEREAS: the State of Minnesota is widely known for its urban and rural forest lands, providing shaded cathedral-like archways along our streets in the summer, and protecting both homes and soil from the wind in the winter; and

WHEREAS: the people of Minnesota have demonstrated their concern both by private and public institutions; and

WHEREAS: the best time to plant a tree was twenty years ago, and the second best time is now;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April 29, 1977 as

ARBOR DAY

and the month of May, 1977 as

ARBOR MONTH

in Minnesota, and urge the people of Minnesota to prepare and institute a reforestation program that will be a war against the ravages of shade tree disease, and to declare their dedication to keeping Minnesota green for our future.

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-ninth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-seven and of the State the one hundred nineteenth.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rudy Perpich".

GOVERNOR

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Secretary of State

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