

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;

and

the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, which is sponsoring the Minnesota Arbor Celebration 1978, urges all citizens to "plant their future"; WHEREAS:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 28, 1978 to be

ARBOR DAY

and the month of May, 1978 to be

ARBOR MONTH

in Minnesota, and urge the people of our state to prepare and institute a reforestation program 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-first day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-eight and of the Stat the one hundred twentieth.

STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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