



Proclamation

WHEREAS: Minnesota's trees were a significant attraction to early settlers, both for their commercial potential and for the uniquely beautiful environment for living they provided; and

WHEREAS: Trees are a most valuable resource in Minnesota today, purifying our air and water, helping conserve our soil, serving as a recreational setting, providing a habitat for wildlife of all kinds, and enriching our lives in other important ways; and

WHEREAS: Disease, insects and pollution have damaged and continue to threaten our trees, creating the need for reforestation programs and fostering greater public concern for the future of our state's timber resources; and

WHEREAS: Each year, on the last Friday in April -- Arbor Day -- the people of Minnesota pay special attention to the wonderful gift that our trees represent, and dedicate themselves to the continued health of our state's stock of trees; and

WHEREAS: Arbor Day and Arbor Month, 1979, urge all citizens to "Celebrate Trees";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albert H. Quie, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 27, 1979, to be

ARBOR DAY

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Secretary of State

and the month of May, 1979, to be

ARBOR MONTH

in Minnesota, and urge all citizens to become aware of the importance of forest, fruit and ornamental trees to the well-being of our state.

FURTHERMORE, I encourage all citizens to demonstrate their concern for future generations by participating in tree planting programs that will ensure a green Minnesota in the decades ahead.

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-seventh day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-nine, and of the State the one hundred twenty-first.

Albert H. Quie

GOVERNOR

Jean Anderson Grawe
SECRETARY OF STATE