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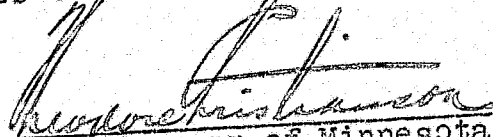
Long before we awoke to the danger of the total depletion of our forests, we had established the custom of observing one day annually as Arbor day. The primary thought in the early Arbor day celebrations was the planting of trees for the shelter and beautification of the homes that were being built upon the plains of the central states.

As we saw our forests rapidly disappear and we began to realize that our present forestry methods would result in the destruction of our timber supply in a few decades, Arbor day took on a new meaning. This year the President of the United States has by proclamation designated the entire week of April 27 to May 3 as Forestry week, and requested that Arbor day be celebrated during that week.

Therefore I, Theodore Christianson, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby designate Friday, May first, as Arbor and Bird Day, and urge that it be observed throughout the state.

It might be well if, on Arbor day, we adhere to the original purpose of that day and give special thought to the beautification of our immediate surroundings, by the planting of trees and shrubbery around our school houses, our homes, and wherever possible, around the places where we work. But during the entire week, let us give thought to the larger aspect of the forestry problem. Let us, in our schools and in other public gatherings, study the need of protecting our forests from fire and other needless waste and let us give thought to the importance of reforestation. For our forests are not merely useful because they supply timber. They have an important relation to agriculture, through their influence upon moisture and temperature. They furnish a refuge for our wild life and they have an important relation to human health and happiness. The welfare of our children and grandchildren requires that the forestry problem should have the serious attention of the present generation.

In WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be hereto affixed this thirtieth day of March, 1925.


Governor of Minnesota.

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Attest:

Secretary of State

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Secretary of State