

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

PROCLAMATION.

The President of the United States has designated the week of April 18 to 24, inclusive, as American Forest week, and has recommended that one day during that week be observed as Arbor day. In compliance with this request, and in accordance with a wise and long established custom, I, Theodore Christianson, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby designate Friday, April 23rd, as ARBOR AND BIRD DAY.

I would strongly urge that the day be appropriately observed through the State, in the schools and elsewhere. Let us not forget the original purpose of Arbor Day, to promote the planting of trees and shrubbery that our homes may have shelter and pleasant surroundings.

The rapid disappearance of our forests, however, has caused timber conservation to become a vastly more important question. The depletion of our forests not only discourages the building of homes, the cornerstone of our nation, but it affects, in many ways, agriculture and every allied industry.

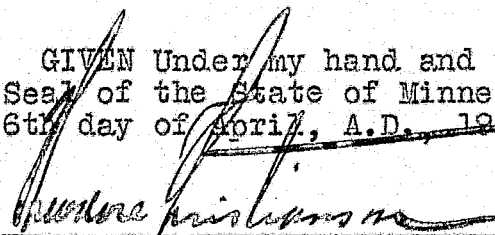
The President in his proclamation has well said: "If we are to flourish, as a people and as individuals, we must neither wastefully hoard nor wastefully exploit, but skillfully employ and renew the resources that nature has entrusted to us. America's forest problem essentially is a problem involving the wise use of land that can and should produce crops of timber.

"Flourishing woodlands, however, mean more than timber crops, permanent industries, and an adequate supply of wood. They minister to our need for outdoor recreation; they preserve animal and bird life; they protect and beautify our hillsides and feed our streams; they preserve the inspiring natural environment which has contributed so much to American character."


The President's words apply forcibly to Minnesota. Our agriculture, our industries, our health, comfort and happiness, demand that every acre which is better suited for growing trees than for other crops, be used to its utmost capacity. This demands eternal vigilance in keeping out forest fires. It demands tree planting where practicable. It demands timber cutting in a manner which will perpetuate the forests.

I trust Minnesota will do its full share in maintaining the Nation's forest resources. Let us, during American Forest week, unite with our sister states and Canada in giving earnest consideration to every phase of the forest conservation problem. Let us resolve each and all, in every manner we can, to encourage tree planting, to help promote forest growth, and above all to prevent destruction of timber by fire.

GIVEN Under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota this 6th day of April, A.D., 1926,


Governor.

Attest:


Secretary of State.

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