



## Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Trees were a significant attraction to Minnesota's settlers, both for their functional potential and for the beautiful environment they provided; and
- WHEREAS: Trees are a most valuable resource in Minnesota today, purifying our air and water, helping conserve our soil and energy, serving as recreational settings, providing habitat for wildlife of all kinds, and enriching our lives in so many important ways; and
- WHEREAS: Disease, insects and pollution have damaged and continue to threaten our trees, creating the need for reforestation programs and concerted public action toward ensuring the future of our state's urban and rural forest resources; and
- WHEREAS: Each year, on the last Friday of 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 29, 1983, to be

### ARBOR DAY

and the month of May, 1983, to be

### ARBOR MONTH

in Minnesota.

FURTHER, I urge citizens to become more aware of the importance of trees to the well-being of our state, and to participate in tree planting programs which will ensure a green Minnesota in the decades to come.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this fifteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-three, and of the State the one hundred twenty-fifth.

*Rudy Perpich*  
GOVERNOR

*Joan Anderson Growe*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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