

Proclamation

Minnesota has always been a land of forests and these forests have always had an impact WHEREAS:

on the lives of Minnesotans from supplying the materials to build their homes and record their written words to offering numerous recreational activities and enhancing their environment and quality of life; and

WHEREAS: The forest industry is the third largest in Minnesota, employing nearly 50,000 people

and manufacturing products that are worth 2.85 billion dollars per year; and

WHEREAS: Forest land owners and conservation organizations plant millions of seedlings to ensure

regeneration of harvested timberland; and

Forest land owners believe in the multiple-use concept, managing the forests in perpetuity so that they can be profitably harvested and at the same time used for WHEREAS:

wildlife habitat and recreational purposes; and

WHEREAS: Minnesotans enjoy beautiful towns and cities with well-maintained and well-appreciated

urban forests; and

WHEREAS:

Those working in forestry-related fields have numerous responsibilities that include growing and harvesting forest products, protecting the forest against insects, disease, fire, and other damaging agents, ensuring forest regeneration including the planting of seedlings on harvested lands and in areas where soil erosion is a problem, creating wildlife habitat, and providing recreational activities in forested areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 27 through May 3, 1985, to be

FORESTRY WEEK

in Minnesota.

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to participate in ceremonies and observances that exemplify the many contributions the forests have made to our state and our way of life.

> STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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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-sixth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eightyfive, and of the State the one hundred twentyseventh.

Joen Anderson Grove Secretary of State

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