



Proclamation

WHEREAS: Minnesota has always been a land of forests and these forests have always had an impact 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 more than 50,700 people and manufacturing products that are worth 3.7 billion dollars per year; and

WHEREAS: Forest land owners and conservation organizations plant millions of seedlings to ensure regeneration of harvested timberland; and

WHEREAS: 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 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 last week of April 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.

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Joan Anderson Howe
Secretary 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-fourth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-six, and of the State the one hundred twenty-seventh.

Joan Anderson Howe *Rudy Perpich*