

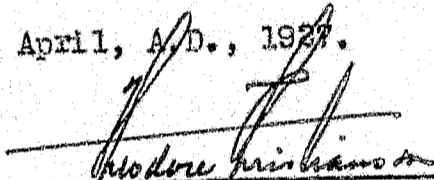
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Moreover, the cities and villages have an opportunity, by planting trees they can enhance the beauty of streets, boulevards, parks and school-grounds.

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I therefore urge that everywhere throughout the State, Friday, April 29, be fittingly observed. Let there be appropriate exercises in the schools. Let civic organizations lead in planting trees and fostering love for God's own out-of-doors. Let all join in the joyful task of making Minnesota a more beautiful State, the better fitting it for the home of a happy and progressive people.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereto affixed this 13th day of April, A. D., 1927.

  
Governor of Minnesota.

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Attest:

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Secretary of State.



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P R O C L A M A T I O N .

The President has designated the week beginning April 24 and ending April 30 as American Forestry Week, and has recommended that the Governors of the several States designate one day of that week as Arbor Day.

Therefore, in compliance with his request and in accordance with long established custom, I, Theodore Christianson, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby name Friday, April 24, as "Arbor and Bird Day."

It is peculiarly fitting that Minnesota should give serious attention to reforestation and the protection of its standing timber. There are within the State ten million acres of land better adapted to forestry than to any other use. Much of it, once covered with virgin forests, has been denuded by ruthless lumbering and devastating fires. Proper reforestation measures would make Minnesota a lumber-exporting, instead of a lumber-importing State. It would restore a great industry and materially reduce the cost of home-building.

The reforestation program requires that the utmost consideration be given to fire prevention; it demands recognition by every citizen of his individual responsibility. Fully ninety per cent of all forest fires are caused by carelessness. Laws and law-enforcement officials can do something to reduce the menace; but the greater measure of protection can come only from a general recognition that every man in his brother's keeper and owes a distinct duty to society.

Forestation is not a task for northern Minnesota only. The prairies share responsibility with the cut-over country. Every farm should maintain and perpetuate one or more wood-lots.