



## 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 products industry is the third largest manufacturing industry in Minnesota, employing more than 51,800 people and producing goods that are worth 3.8 billion dollars in sales 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;
- WHEREAS: The forest can create a "window" into the natural world, helping young people gain an awareness and knowledge of the environment around them, as well as their place within it; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 17-23 to be

FORESTRY WEEK

and Friday, April 22 to be

FORESTRY EDUCATION DAY

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.

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-fifth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight, and of the State the one hundred thirtieth.

*Joan Anderson Howe*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Rudy Perpich*  
GOVERNOR

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