

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Since American families seldom stay in one place, building roots generation after generation, letters now provide an important link between families separated by the miles; and

WHEREAS: Grandparents often "meet" grandchildren through letters and photographs long before they see each other face to face; and

WHEREAS: In today's fast-paced culture, people often grow up with little knowledge of their families or their place in history, unaware of the family's historic connection to the land; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota's urban forests were mostly planted by our grandparents and great-grandparents who saw the value of trees; and

WHEREAS: As cities encroached upon rural areas, trees that had once been planted in villages and on farms became a beautiful part of the urban setting, but that urban forest is now endangered by drought, disease and construction; and


WHEREAS: If lost trees are not replaced, future generations will not know the magnificent urban forests that today's children enjoy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim November 10 to be

"PLANT A FAMILY TREE" DAY

in Minnesota, and join the Minneapolis and St. Paul post offices and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture in urging Minnesotans to observe the "Plant a Family Tree" campaign through two methods: -letter writing as a way to discover and restore our lost connections to the land and to each other; -and tree planting as a bridge between past generations and a gift to future generations.

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


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