



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 second largest manufacturing industry in Minnesota, employing more than 54,800 people and producing goods that are worth 4.4 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, ensuring forest regeneration, and protecting the forest against insects, disease, fire, and other damaging agents; and
- 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
- WHEREAS:** The year 1990 will be one of "Celebrate Minnesota" and will showcase through special activities all that is outstanding about the state, recognizing in this celebration Minnesota's bounty of trees and forests through the observance of Arbor Day and the twentieth anniversary of Earth Day and by encouraging citizens to plant one million trees statewide;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 15-21, 1990 to be

FORESTRY WEEK

and Friday, April 20, 1990 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 thirteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine, and of the State the one hundred thirty-first.

Rudy Perpich
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