



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Trees and forests provide a natural playground for people of all ages; and

WHEREAS: Trees and forests provide an unstructured play environment that encourages exploration, creativity, and activity; and

WHEREAS: Childhood exposure to forests and trees lays the foundation for responsible environmental behavior and conservation values as an adult; and

WHEREAS: The recreational opportunities provided by Minnesota's forests enhance the state's economy; and

WHEREAS: Each year, on the last Friday in April and throughout the month of May, Minnesotans pay special tribute to trees and all of the natural resources they represent, and dedicate themselves to the continued vitality of our state's forests.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 25, 2014, as:

ARBOR DAY

and the month of May 2014, as Arbor Month in the state of Minnesota.

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 24th day of February.



Mark Dayton
GOVERNOR

Mark Ritchie

SECRETARY OF STATE

