



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Trees and forests are of significant importance to Minnesota's economy, culture, history, and future; and

WHEREAS: Correctly planted trees, adapted to local conditions help create a healthy and beautiful landscape for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS: Planting a variety of native trees protects against large-scale devastation from tree pests and provides habitat for beneficial wildlife; and

WHEREAS: Staggering tree plantings over many years creates multiple vegetative layers and age classes which provide cooling shade, protection from wind and snow, and reduced runoff by intercepting rainfall; and

WHEREAS: A yard with well-maintained, mature native trees and plants can increase a property's value by up to 20 percent; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2012 as:

ARBOR DAY

along with the month of May, 2012 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 9th day of April.

GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE