



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Since 1978, people in Minnesota have celebrated trees during the month of May, when moderate weather conditions are prime for planting; and

WHEREAS: Trees are at the heart of our communities, offering beauty, shade, clean air and water, and wildlife habitat, while connecting people across generations; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota’s trees and forests are being affected by increasing pressure from pests and diseases, as well as changing temperature and precipitation, and more extreme weather events due to climate change; and

WHEREAS: Trees that are resilient to pests, diseases, and climate change impacts can live longer, capturing and storing carbon from the atmosphere, thereby offsetting greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS: A healthy, diverse, resilient tree canopy decreases summertime temperatures in neighborhoods, enhances property values, improves air quality, reduces stormwater runoff, enriches the landscape of our state, and provides natural resilience in the face of climate challenges; and

WHEREAS: When we gather to plant trees, we strengthen the bonds within our communities, working side-by-side to create neighborhoods that support well-being, inspire pride, and encourage future stewardship; and

WHEREAS: During Arbor Month, people in Minnesota are encouraged to meet outdoors with friends and neighbors to strengthen their communities by planting and caring for the trees that shelter, nurture, and enrich our lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 2025 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of March.



  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE