

## STATE of MINNESOTA

## Proclamation

WHEREAS: Arbor Day provides an opportunity to celebrate the importance of trees

and forests to our economy, culture, history, and future of the state; and

WHEREAS: Trees are of great value as they provide clean air and water, shade and

energy savings, wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities, wood products, and jobs, while also capturing and storing carbon from the

atmosphere, thereby offsetting greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS: Properly planting and caring for a diverse mix of trees makes community

forests more resilient by minimizing the impacts of diseases, insects, and

other stressors such as climate change and providing long-term

community and environmental benefits; and

WHEREAS: Thoughtfully choosing, planting, and caring for a diverse mix of trees now

supports resilient communities into the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 28, 2023, as:

## ARBOR DAY

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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March.

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**GOVERNOR** 

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SECRETARY OF STATE