



## 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 trees across the state; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's trees play a vital role in enhancing the quality of life for our residents, improving air and water quality, providing wildlife habitat, and mitigating the effects of climate change; 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, and enriches the landscape of our state; and
- WHEREAS: The month of May is an opportunity to support healthy and resilient communities into the future by thoughtfully choosing, planting, and caring for a diverse mix of trees.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2024 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of March.



  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE