



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The health and longevity of 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: Minnesota's forests are at risk from invasive species, such as emerald ash borer, that will impact carbon storage, habitat, and air and water quality; and
- WHEREAS: Trees that are resilient to pests, diseases, and climate change impacts live longer, capturing and storing carbon from the atmosphere and offsetting greenhouse gas emissions; and
- WHEREAS: A healthy, resilient tree canopy decreases summertime temperatures in neighborhoods, enhances property values, improves air quality, and reduces stormwater runoff; and
- WHEREAS: The month of May provides Minnesotans across the state with an opportunity to support healthy and resilient communities, now and in 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 May 2023 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of March.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tim Walz".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Steve Dinn".

SECRETARY OF STATE