



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Arbor Day provides people in Minnesota the 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 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 29, 2022, 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of February.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE