



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The health and longevity of Minnesota's trees and forests are being affected by increased pressure from pests and diseases, changing temperature and precipitation, and other extreme weather events due to climate change; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota's forests are at risk from invasive species, such as emerald ash borer, that impact carbon storage, habitat, and air and water quality; and

WHEREAS: Trees that are resilient to pests, diseases, and the impacts of climate change can live longer, thereby 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: 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 the month of May 2022, 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 14th day of February.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE