



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Following the leadership and foresight of General Christopher Columbus Andrews and the State Forestry Board, the 1911 Minnesota Legislature enacted laws establishing the Minnesota Forest Service, the precursor to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Division of Forestry; and
- WHEREAS: William T. Cox, a professional forester, was appointed the first State Forester on May 2, 1911, and 15 districts were established, and forest rangers hired on June 22, 1911; and
- WHEREAS: The DNR's Division of Forestry has protected Minnesota's forest lands for 100 years through its fire control efforts; and
- WHEREAS: The DNR's Division of Forestry has managed the forest resources under its jurisdiction for many decades, protecting timber, wildlife, and water resources for the benefit of Minnesota's citizens; and
- WHEREAS: The DNR's Division of Forestry has managed dispersed recreational opportunities for camping, picnicking, hunting, fishing, hiking, snowmobiling, skiing, and observing nature in its 58 state forests; and
- WHEREAS: The DNR's Division of Forestry has provided technical assistance and encouragement to Minnesota's 150,000 forest landowners, thereby improving the management of these woodlands; and
- WHEREAS: The DNR's Division of Forestry has used a wide range of education, information, and communication techniques to create an educated citizenry who understands the role of forests in our ecosystem and economy; and
- WHEREAS: The DNR's Division of Forestry has provided leadership in the development of a multi-billion dollar forest industry that is the fourth largest in Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim June 22, 2011 to be:

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES' DIVISION OF FORESTRY CENTENNIAL DAY

in the State of Minnesota, in acknowledgment of the dedication showed by the Division of Forestry over the past 100 years and in congratulations to its employees, past and present.



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 2nd day of May.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE