

Arbor Day Proclamation

WHEREAS: The health of the people is tied to the health of their forests; and

WHEREAS: Trees and forests improve our physical health by cleaning the air, reducing exposure to the sun's UV rays, and decreasing temperatures during the summertime; and

WHEREAS: In 50 years, one tree provides \$62,000 worth of air pollution control; and

WHEREAS: Childhood asthma rates are lower in urban communities that have a higher density of trees; and

WHEREAS: Trees and forests improve our mental health by reducing stress and increasing concentration; and

WHEREAS: In 50 years, one tree provides \$62,000 worth of air pollution control; and

WHEREAS: Forests create high-quality drinking water by acting as a natural filter; and

WHEREAS: Getting a daily dose of trees is healthy for all Minnesotans; and

WHEREAS: Each year, on the last Friday in April, and throughout the month of May, Minnesotans pay special tribute to rural and community trees and all the natural resources, and dedicate themselves to the continued vitality of our state's forests.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, {insert name of mayor}, Mayor of {insert name of city}, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 29, 2016, as:

ARBOR DAY