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STATE OF MINNESOTA.

Executive Department.

To the People of the State of Minnesota:

THE subject of Forestry, or tree culture, is becoming recognized, not only in our prairie States, but throughout this country and in other lands, as of very great importance. The presence of trees, groves and forests averts droughts, promotes productiveness of soil, lessens the extremes of temperature, moderates the severities of climate and tends to make the season equable. Trees and forests beautify the country; they make it tolerable and fit for occupancy by civilized man, a scene to delight his eye and a home to satisfy his heart.

The United States encourages the planting of timber upon its vacant prairie lands. Minnesota and other states offer bounties for the growth of trees. Agricultural Societies and Forestry Associations award premiums to those who on some one day, called "Arbor Day," plant the most trees. In some of the States, in two at least of those yet well wooded, the Legislature has authorized or requested the Governor to designate one day annually for the planting of forest trees and the general advancement of the interests of forestry.

Minnesota has equal need of abundant and well distributed forests, and will reap equal advantages with other States from the adoption and practice of the growing custom.

I do therefore hereby appoint and set apart Thursday, the twenty-third day of the present month to be observed as

Arbor Day in Minnesota.

And I recommend that the people give that day to the planting of trees and shrubbery for ornamentation as well as use, in commons and parks as well as in their private premises, around public buildings and on school grounds, by the side of roads and streets; and that using care in the selection of varieties, and exchanging views and distributing information on the subject, they direct their efforts towards intelligent and enduring results.

If those who intend to plant some trees some day, will make their intentions effectual by planting them on that day, if it shall become a custom to devote annually one day to starting trees for use or ornament, even ten years will have added many fold to the attractiveness and value of our homes, whether in town or country.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at the Capitol
in the City of Saint Paul, this Second day of April, A. D.
One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eight Five.*

L. F. HUBBARD,

BY THE GOVERNOR:

FRED. VON BAUMBACH,

Secretary of State.

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Minnesota Governor, 1887-1889 (Andrew Ryan McGill)

ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION.



STATE OF MINNESOTA,

Executive Department.

Pursuant to precedent in this State and in conformity to a custom now well established in many of the States of the Union, I do hereby designate and appoint Saturday, the 30th day of April, 1887, as

✦ ARBOR DAY ✦

And commend to the people of the State its general observance by the planting on that day of trees, vines and shrubs along the highways and on public and private grounds. In this State especially, with its large areas of prairies, the custom may be rendered of great advantage. Farms and other grounds may thus be not only beautified but greatly enhanced in value, and highways, now cheerless and forbidding, be made attractive and inviting. The practical results of a faithful observance of this custom must manifest themselves in a few years in an increased supply of timber in the State, and as a natural consequence an increased rainfall, besides enhancing materially the value of lands. Nothing so beautifies the exterior of homes and school buildings and renders them so attractive as shade trees, shrubs and clustering vines about them. I therefore earnestly commend to the people of the State a general observance of the day in the manner suggested.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota, at the Capitol in the city of Saint Paul, this Eighth day of April, A. D. One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-seven.

[L. S.]

A. R. MCGILL.

By the Governor:

H. MATTSON,

Secretary of State.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

WILLIAM R. MERRIAM, GOVERNOR.

. . . A PROCLAMATION. . .

Arbor Day may be considered as one of the most pleasing festivals of the year, and its observance is now so general throughout the States and Territories of the Union, that it has become almost national in character.

The day possesses the rare feature of being one of pleasure to those who participate in the work to which it is dedicated, and of being, in far greater degree, fruitful in blessings to the children, the children's children, and the generations to follow.

Certainly no labor can better engage the hands of the men, women and children of our State, upon a designated day, than the planting of trees, shrubs and vines, to beautify the home acre and to make the nucleus of groves similar to those that now dot the prairies of our State, and which the years will develop into forests that shall charm the eye, enhance the beauty of our landscape, and prove beneficial to the Commonwealth.

Complying with the custom requiring the Chief Executive of this State to designate the day, I, William R. Merriam, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby name Friday, April 26th instant, as

ARBOR DAY,

and do earnestly hope that all citizens of the State, individually, or as communities, and through the medium of their churches and societies, shall observe the same in manner as shall seem most fitting and enjoyable, and which will accomplish the most for the work to which the day is set apart.

It is desirable that the day be made as attractive as possible to the school children of the State, and that some features interesting to them may be made a part of the exercises.

It is also hoped that so far as practicable, all commercial and industrial operations may be suspended throughout the State upon this day.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at the Capitol, St. Paul, this third day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and thirteenth.

William R. Merriam

By the Governor,

H. Mattson,

Secretary of State.