

Proclamation

ARBOR DAY

April 29, 2016

- 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, Gene Winstead, Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 29, 2016, as:

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during Arbor Month in the city of Bloomington and I urge all citizens to celebrate this Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands; and

FURTHERMORE, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the wellbeing of this and future generations.

Dated this 18th day of April 2016.

Gene Winstead, Mayor
City of Bloomington, Minnesota