

WHEREAS; Arbor Day, an international holiday dedicated to the planting of trees and honoring the importance of trees and forests in our lives, is celebrated in Wisconsin on the last Friday in April, and 2022 marks the 150th anniversary of Arbor Day; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin has more than a century-long history of planting trees and, for the past 40 years, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has provided tree seedlings to our state's fourth grade students for their Arbor Day celebrations; and

WHEREAS; the trees outside of our homes and offices and the 17 million acres of forests across Wisconsin offer a natural climate solution, along with myriad environmental and quality of life benefits, including storing carbon, protecting air and water quality, capturing and filtering storm water, enhancing wildlife habitat, supplying renewable energy, reducing energy consumption, cooling urban landscapes, and supporting social connections; and

WHEREAS; recognized during the period that begins with Earth Day and ends with Arbor Day, Forest Appreciation Week is a time to acknowledge our state's trees and forests for their importance to our environment, economy, public health, and collective identity as Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's trees and forests are among our state's most beautiful and critical natural resources, and using science to educate our kids, families, and communities about sustainable forestry is vital to their long-term conservation; and

WHEREAS; ; in 2021, the state of Wisconsin took a pledge to work with public, private, and non-governmental partners to conserve 125,000 acres of forest land and plant 75 million trees by the end of 2030, resulting in a total of 28.8 million metric tons of carbon dioxide stored over the next 50 years; and

WHEREAS; this Arbor Day and Forest Appreciation Week, the state of Wisconsin encourages all Wisconsinites to spend time outdoors, plant and care for trees, and show their gratitude towards the professionals who dedicate their time to caring for our state's trees and forests;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim April 29, 2022, as

ARBOR DAY

and April 22 – 29, 2022, as

FOREST APPRECIATION WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 18th day of April 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State