STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Generations of Minnesotans have treasured our state's trees and forests for their unparalleled beauty and natural wonder that lift the spirit and inspire the imagination; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota's parks and forests offer an antidote to the stresses of daily life through outdoor experiences that rejuvenate the body; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota's woodlands provide an outdoor classroom that inspires lifelong learning, creativity, and exploration; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota's forests – from the spectacular vistas along our wilderness trails to our leafy urban parkways – offer an incredible bounty of recreational opportunities accessible to all who seek adventure or relaxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM PAWLENTY, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim that Friday, April 25, 2008, shall be observed as:

ARBOR DAY

and the month of May 2008, as:

ARBOR MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.

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 25th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the State the one hundred forty-ninth.

GOVERNOR

Mark Ritchie

SECRETARY OF STATE