

2021 proclamation language: (DRAFT)

Whereas:	Climate change is a complex problem that impacts all Minnesotans and our ability to thrive, and
Whereas:	The health and longevity of Minnesota’s trees are being affected by changing temperatures and precipitation, more extreme weather events, and increasing pressure from pests, diseases, and invasive species, and
Whereas:	Minnesota is at risk to lose over one billion ash trees due to emerald ash borer, which would impact carbon storage, habitat, water movement and water quality, and
Whereas:	Trees capture carbon from the atmosphere and store it in their trunks, roots, and the surrounding soil thereby offsetting greenhouse gas emissions, and
Whereas:	A healthy tree canopy decreases temperatures along streets providing cooler spaces in the summertime, and
Whereas:	Trees reduce stormwater runoff and act as a filter, preventing sediments and pollutants from washing into waterways, and
Whereas:	Minnesotans can help build resilient communities and reduce the negative impacts of climate change by planting and caring for trees One Tree at a Time.

Now, therefore, I _____, Mayor of the City of _____, do hereby proclaim _____, 2021, as Arbor Day in the City of _____ and the month of May, 2021, as Arbor Month.

Dated this _____ day of _____
Mayor _____