



*Whereas*, Trees and forest soils keep our lakes and streams clean by absorbing and filtering pollutants and sediments; and

*Whereas*, Forest soils prevent flooding and reduce stormwater by capturing and storing rainwater and snowmelt, which is then slowly released to our lakes, streams, and groundwater; and

*Whereas*, Careful management of our forests is one of the best ways to protect drinking water and reduce the cost of water treatment; and

*Whereas*, Sound management of forested public lands surrounding the Mississippi River ensures clean drinking water for more than one million Minnesotans; and

*Whereas*, About three-quarters of Minnesotans get their drinking water from the forested parts of the state; and

*Whereas*, Planting trees is a natural and easy way to keep our water clean; and

*Whereas*, The last Friday in April, and throughout the month of May, Minnesotans pay special tribute to our trees as natural resources and rededicate ourselves to the vitality of our forests.

*Now, Therefore, I*, Jenny Halverson, Mayor of the City of West Saint Paul, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 27, 2017 as

## *Arbor Day*

And the month of May 2018 as Arbor Month in the City of West Saint Paul.

*Dated this 27th day of April, 2018*

Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke, written over a solid black line.