

**CITY OF WEST ST. PAUL  
DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-**

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING ARBOR DAY IN WEST ST PAUL**

**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**, 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**, 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 BE IT RESOLVED**, that the West St. Paul Mayor and City Council do hereby proclaim May 14, 2022, as Arbor Day in the City of West St Paul and the month of May 2022, as Arbor Month.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of West St. Paul, Minnesota, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022.

Attest:

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David J. Napier, Mayor

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Nicole Tillander, City Clerk