

**CITY OF LAKE ELMO**

**ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: Minnesota is home to many of our nation's natural resources, foremost among them are our beautiful and abundant forests; and

WHEREAS: Trees are an increasingly vital resource in Minnesota today, enriching our lives by purifying the air, conserving soil, water and energy, creating jobs through a large forest products industry, serving as recreational settings, providing habitat for wildlife of all kinds, and creating beautiful landscapes to make our communities more livable; and

WHEREAS: Disease and insects threaten our trees, creating the need for concerted action to ensure the future of community and rural forests in our state and throughout the country; and

WHEREAS: Each individual can act locally to improve the environment by planting trees and ensuring that these trees are protected and receive proper maintenance in the years ahead; and

WHEREAS: Each year on the last Friday in the month of April, the people of Minnesota pay special tribute to the vital natural resource that our trees represent and dedicate themselves to the continued vitality of our state's community and rural forests;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Mike Pearson, Mayor of the City of Lake Elmo, do hereby proclaim April 29, 2017 to be **ARBOR DAY** in Lake Elmo, Minnesota.

Signed this April 18, 2017

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Mike Pearson, Mayor

Tree City, U.S.A.