

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### ARBOR DAY MAY 1, 2026

WHEREAS, Arbor Day in North Dakota falls on the first Friday of May and honors the role trees play in our lives; tree planting is also an annual tradition in North Dakota and an investment in the state's future; and

WHEREAS, healthy, diverse tree resources are vital components of any urban and rural planting efforts and particularly in re-establishment efforts following catastrophic events; and

WHEREAS, trees make direct and visible contributions to our health, safety and economy by providing clean air and water, wind protection and erosion control, wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities, essential wood products and beauty; and

WHEREAS, trees instill community pride, work as living snow fences, screen unpleasant sights, increase property values and memorialize significant events; and

WHEREAS, tree planting efforts continue to promote the importance of trees and symbolically represent a commitment to the past, present and future by creating a living legacy; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Forest Service will host state Arbor Day celebrations in North Dakota's two original Tree City USA communities that are celebrating 50 years in May 2026: Mandan's celebration will be held at Dykshoorn Park on May 1, 2026, and Grand Forks' celebration will be held at Sertoma Park on June 23, 2026; and

WHEREAS, planting trees is the perfect way to leave a valuable gift for future generations to enjoy.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim  
May 1, 2026, **ARBOR DAY** in the State of North Dakota.



  
Kelly Armstrong  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:   
Michael Howe  
SECRETARY OF STATE