

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

RESOLUTION NO. 21-

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 10, 2021, as Arbor Day in the City of West St Paul and the month of May 2021, as Arbor Month.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of West St. Paul, Minnesota, this 10th day of May 2021.

Attest:

David J. Napier, Mayor

Shirley R Buecksler, City Clerk