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A P R O C L A M A T I O N

(National Arbor Day)

WHEREAS, it is an excellent custom for the various States to set aside one day of the year for their citizens to plant trees, and

WHEREAS, the planting of trees by the citizens on such a day will benefit our own and succeeding generations, and

WHEREAS, the conservation and increase of our forest resources is a matter of vital interest to all Americans, and

WHEREAS, the planting of trees deserves the fullest encouragement, and

WHEREAS, in the interests of a unified, national observance of Arbor Day one special day should be observed throughout the nation, regardless of whether climatic conditions may make tree-planting ceremonies possible at that time,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of South Carolina, do hereby designate and proclaim the last Friday in April (April 30) as National Arbor Day in our State, and urge schools, civic organizations, and citizens to give sincere thought to the conservation of our forests, to the ornamentation of our streets and highways with trees, to the establishment of more embowered parks, to the consideration of orchard plantings, and to methods of preventing vandalism on all forest, shade, ornamental, and fruit trees.

Given under my hand and seal
this 5th day of March in the
year of our Lord, nineteen
hundred and forty-eight.

J. Strom Thurmond, Governor

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