

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 enable the generations that follow us to enjoy trees as we have enjoyed them through the thoughtfulness of our forebearers, 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,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of South Carolina, do hereby designate and proclaim the last Friday in April (April 29) 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 28th day of April in
the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen
Hundred and Forty-Nine.

J. Strom Thurmond, Governor