

# City of Rochester



**WHEREAS**, Arbor Day provides people in Minnesota the opportunity to celebrate the importance of trees and forests to our economy, culture, history, and future of the state; and

**WHEREAS**, trees are of great value as they provide clean air and water, shade and energy savings, wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities, wood products, and jobs while capturing and storing carbon from the atmosphere, thereby offsetting greenhouse gas emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, properly planting and caring for a diverse mix of trees makes community forests more resilient by minimizing the impacts of diseases, insects, and other stressors such as climate change and providing long-term community and environmental benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, thoughtfully choosing, planting, and caring for a diverse mix of trees now supports resilient communities into the future.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Kim Norton, Mayor of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 29, 2022 as

## **Arbor Day**

in the state of Minnesota and ask all Rochester residents to join me in celebrating this day and consider planting a tree (large or small) as one way to improve our world and build resiliency.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the corporate seal of the City of Rochester to be affixed this 29th day of April, 2022.

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Kim Norton, Mayor  
City of Rochester, Minnesota