

Arbor Day Proclamation

WHEREAS: Trees and forest soils keep our lakes and streams clean by absorbing and filtering pollutants and sediments; and

WHEREAS: Forest soils prevent flooding and reduce stormwater by capturing and storing rainwater and snowmelt, which is then slowly released to our lakes, streams, and groundwater;

WHEREAS: Careful management of our forests is one of the best ways to protect drinking water and reduce the cost of water treatment; 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Timothy Meehl, Mayor of the City of Perham, do hereby proclaim May 2, 2026 as

Arbor Day

and the month of May 2026, as Arbor Month in the City of Perham and urge citizens to pay special tribute to our trees as natural resources and rededicate ourselves to the vitality of our forests.

Dated this 13th day of April, 2026.

Mayor