State of
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
ARBOR DAY
MAY 2, 2008

WHEREAS, the State Arbor Day Celebration honors the role trees play in our lives and recognizes the importance of tree planting in rebuilding efforts following natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, the 2008 ND State Arbor Day Celebration will bring "NORTHWOOD ReLEAF" on Friday, May 2, recognizing Northwood's many forestry accomplishments over the years, and its challenges since a Class F-4 tornado destroyed over 70% of the large trees located on its streets and boulevards; and

WHEREAS, planting trees is important because everyone can participate and it is part of our past, present and future; and

WHEREAS, trees provide numerous long-lasting benefits, including wildlife habitat, clean air and water, wind protection and erosion control, recreational opportunities and essential wood products; and

WHEREAS, trees keep us cool in summer, screen unpleasant sights, increase property values, work as living snow fences, instill community pride, and leave a valuable gift for future generations to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, trees make direct and visible contributions to the health, safety and economy of the citizens of North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, planting trees exemplifies North Dakotans' willingness to work together in a unified effort toward a common goal of improving our environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 2, 2008, **ARBOR DAY** in the state of North Dakota.

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