

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging the annual observation of Arbor Day.

WHEREAS, naturally-occurring forests are rare in the State of South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, forests and trees provide many benefits, including cover and habitat for animals, pleasant scenery, protection from winds, protection from soil erosion, protection from the heat of summer, and valuable forest products which help keep housing affordable and provide timber harvesting jobs and raw materials for other industries; and

WHEREAS, many of the windbreaks and tree stands in South Dakota contain mature and dying trees; and

WHEREAS, the floods of the past years have resulted in high standing water in parts of the state which has killed many groves of trees; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota's trees need to be replaced on an ongoing basis as they die from any cause:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Seventy-second Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the South Dakota Legislature requests that the last Friday in April of each year be observed in South Dakota as Arbor Day, and that on this day and throughout the year, schools, civic organizations, and all citizens are urged to plant and properly care for trees, shrubs, and other woody plants.

Adopted by the Senate,  
Concurred in by the House of Representatives,

February 27, 1997  
March 3, 1997

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President of the Senate

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