

State of South Dakota

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

Introduced by: Senators Aker, Albers, Hutmacher, Kloucek, Reedy, and Vitter and
Representatives Diedrich, Jaspers, Kooistra, Pummel, and Smidt

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

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

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

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

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

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

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Seventy-second Legislature
14 of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the South
15 Dakota Legislature requests that the last Friday in April of each year be observed in South

- 1 Dakota as Arbor Day, and that on this day and throughout the year, schools, civic organizations,
- 2 and all citizens are urged to plant and properly care for trees, shrubs, and other woody plants.