

Office of the Mayor City of Faribault Proclamation

WHEREAS, Climate change is a complex problem that impacts all Minnesotans and our ability to thrive, and

WHEREAS, The health and longevity of Minnesota's trees are being affected by changing temperatures and precipitation, more extreme weather events, and increasing pressure from pests, diseases, and invasive species, and

WHEREAS, Minnesota is at risk to lose over one billion ash trees due to emerald ash borer, potentially increasing CO2 emissions and flooding, and

WHEREAS, A healthy tree canopy decreases temperatures along streets providing cooler spaces in the summertime for recreation and commerce, and

WHEREAS, Shade from trees protects people from exposure to the sun's UV rays and diminishes heat-related illness, and

WHEREAS, Trees reduce stormwater runoff and act as a filter, preventing sediments and pollutants from washing into waterways, and

WHEREAS, Trees capture carbon from the atmosphere and store it in their trunks, roots, and soil, and

WHEREAS, Minnesotans can help build resilient communities and reduce the negative impacts of climate change One Tree at a Time by planting and caring for trees and by using wood products to store carbon into the future.

NOW, THEREOFRE, I, Kevin Voracek, Mayor of the City of Faribault, do hereby proclaim Saturday May 1, 2021 as:

Arbor Day & Beautification Day and the month of May 2021, as Arbor Month in the City of Faribault.

*In witness whereof I have hereunto
Set my hand and cause the seal to
be affixed*

Mayor _____

Date April 27, 2021

