

Executive Department
State of California

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS The trees of California have been a source of pride and inspiration for the people of this State since the first days of our history; and
- WHEREAS Today we are aware of the great need to conserve and protect the verdant countryside which has made California famous in this nation and throughout the world; and
- WHEREAS California is blessed with some of the world's oldest and stateliest groves of redwoods and other inspiring species of trees; and
- WHEREAS The timelessness of our trees reminds us of our great commitment to the preservation of our natural heritage and of the need to perpetuate and encourage the planting of more trees for the enjoyment of future generations of Californians; and
- WHEREAS To further this effort, and as a tribute to the great California naturalist, Luther Burbank, the State Legislature in 1947 declared that March 7 be annually proclaimed as ARBOR DAY, in recognition of the need to keep trees an important part of the great natural beauty of our State and in order to encourage all Californians to plant trees;

NOW THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, proclaim March 7 as ARBOR DAY.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this fifteenth day of February, One Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Six.



Edmund G. Brown
Governor

ATTEST:

Frank M. Jordan
Secretary of State

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of the State of California

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FRANK M. JORDAN, Secretary of State

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