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## Join in celebrating Arbor Day in Alaska on May 20

**(Anchorage, AK)** – Plant a tree. Take a walk in the woods. Start recycling paper products - whatever you choose to do, the Alaska Division of Forestry encourages Alaskans to take time to celebrate Arbor Day on Monday, May 20.

Governor Michael J. Dunleavy signed a proclamation denoting May 20 as Arbor Day in Alaska and invites Alaskans young and old to pay tribute to one of the state's greatest assets – its forests.

“Healthy and properly managed trees and forests provide environmental, economic and social benefits to our state, improving the quality of life for all Alaskans,” the governor’s proclamation said.

Established in 1872, Arbor Day is set aside to plant trees, educate children and adults about the importance of trees, and recognize the important role that trees play in our lives. In Alaska, Arbor Day is celebrated on the third Monday in May.

Communities across Alaska will be holding events to celebrate Arbor Day. If you would like to learn more about planting and caring for trees, or would like to join in an Arbor Day celebration near you, visit the Alaska Division of Forestry Community Forestry Program’s website at <http://forestry.alaska.gov/community>. Click on the “News and Events” page for a list of Arbor Day celebrations around the state.

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