

# Proclamation

by Governor Joe Manchin III

**Whereas,** Arbor Day is an annual observance to direct public attention to tree planting efforts that reclaim damaged lands and add a variety of species to our normally self-regenerating hardwoods; and,

**Whereas,** nearly 80 percent of West Virginia is covered with magnificent hardwood forests; and,

**Whereas,** this vast renewable resource supplies some of the world's finest lumber for domestic and foreign markets; thousands of jobs for our citizens; a habitat for a myriad of animals, fish, birds and plants; and recreation for people who hike, hunt, fish and enjoy the beauty of our forests; and,

**Whereas,** responsible forest management assures productivity and environmental quality, which, in turn, provides a foundation for West Virginia's future economy; and,

**Whereas,** West Virginia recognizes the importance of tree care and maintenance to the overall development of infrastructure in our municipalities; and,

**Whereas,** many communities, organizations and schools throughout the Mountain State actively participate in annual tree planting projects;

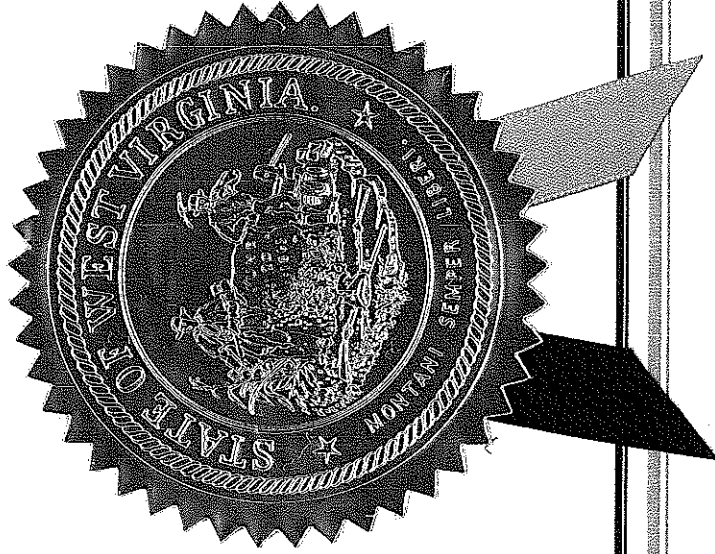
**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Joe Manchin III, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim **April 2010** as:


## Arbor Month

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to observe and recognize the importance trees have in brightening our days and increasing our quality of life.


**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-second day of March, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Ten, and in the One Hundred Forty-seventh year of the State.



  
Joe Manchin III  
Governor

By the Governor:

  
Natalie E. Tennant  
Secretary of State