

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



Governor's Office

PROCLAMATION

ARBOR DAY
April 27, 1990

DR. JOSEPH T. ROTHROCK MEMORIAL CONSERVATION WEEK
April 22 - 28, 1990

Thornton Wilder once wrote that "the planting of trees is the least self-centered of all that we do. It is a purer act of faith than the procreation of children." Dr. Joseph Rothrock, the father of Pennsylvania forestry, knew that better than anyone.

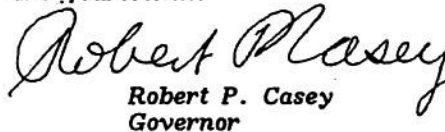
The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is blessed with a wealth of natural resources and unparalleled scenic beauty. The benefits to the people of our state of preserving and protecting these resources are innumerable -- economic growth, aesthetic pleasure, recreational enjoyment and life-sustaining needs are all fostered through our precious environment.

The responsible management of our natural resources should be the concern of every man, woman and child in Pennsylvania. The way we use our resources today will go a long way in determining what sort of world we will be able to leave to our children tomorrow. It is the responsibility of government, individuals, organizations and corporations alike to promote the wise use and protection of our natural heritage in order to preserve it for future generations to enjoy.

The planting of trees is one vital means we have to help preserve the environment. Trees can help offset the greenhouse effect by converting carbon dioxide into life-giving oxygen. The planting of trees also provides shade and cooling, helping us conserve energy in our homes and work places.

Therefore, I, Robert P. Casey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim April 27, 1990, as ARBOR DAY and April 22 - 28, 1990, as DR. JOSEPH T. ROTHROCK MEMORIAL CONSERVATION WEEK in Pennsylvania. I urge every man, woman and child in Pennsylvania to plant trees and shrubs in their community and on their block as an expression of a shared belief that our children deserve a clean, safe future.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this second day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and fourteenth.


Robert P. Casey
Governor

