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SUBJECT: State's Arbor Month Celebration in Duluth

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State's Arbor Month Celebration in Duluth: Wednesday, May 15th

WHAT: The DNR has partnered with the city of Duluth to celebrate Arbor Month as an effort to encourage the greater Duluth area to recover from last year's devastating floods.

WHO: Barb Naramore, DNR Assistant Commissioner
Forrest Boe, DNR Director of Forestry

Brenda Halter, Superior National Forest Supervisor

Mayor Don Ness, Duluth

WHEN: Wednesday, May 15th 12:30-2:30 PM Ceremony beginning at 1:00 PM

WHERE: Chester Bowl Community Recreation Center in Chester Park 1801 East Skyline Parkway, Duluth MN 55812

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

May is Arbor Month in Minnesota. This year, Minnesota's Arbor Month theme is "Plant Trees for a Brighter Minnesota." Minnesotans are encouraged to replace trees lost during the past year's floods, tornadoes, blowdowns and snowstorms.

The DNR has partnered with the city of Duluth to celebrate Arbor Month and encourage residents in the greater Duluth area to join in the recovery effort. Chester Park lost many trees during the 2012 floods and needs restoration. Speakers include DNR Assistant Commissioner Barb Naramore, State Forester Forrest Boe, Superior National Forest Supervisor Brenda Halter and Duluth Mayor Don Ness. The event on May 15 starts at 12:30 p.m., with the actual ceremony and tree planting scheduled for 1 p.m.

Students from Lester Park and Lakewood school forests will help with planting seedlings, and there will be archery lessons and musical performances by Matt Wahl. An information tent hosted by DNR foresters, city of Duluth staff and U.S. Forest Service will provide participants with information on tree planting, care and maintenance.

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