

WHEREAS; Wisconsin is home to 17 million acres of forested land, both public and private, that provide raw material to the forest products industry as well as recreational opportunities and vital ecosystem functions; and

WHEREAS; forestry’s economic impact reaches every corner of the state, and the forest products sector makes essential contributions to Wisconsin’s overall economic prosperity, providing over 60,000 Wisconsin jobs, according to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS; active forest management provides a renewable resource to meet the global demand for a wide range of forest products, and encouraging the use of sustainably harvested wood products helps foster growth within the state’s forest products sector by ensuring the industry continues to succeed in the future; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin’s forest products industry produces a wide variety of products, ranging from paper and food packaging to doors and furniture; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin encourages all Wisconsinites to recognize and celebrate forests for the resources they provide, as well as the important role that the forest products industry has played in the state’s history, economy, and culture;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim October 15 through 21 2023 as

**FOREST PRODUCTS WEEK**

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state’s residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 6th day of October 2023.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State