STATE *of* WISCONSIN

OFFICE *of the* GOVERNOR

Proclamation

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; the forest products sector makes essential contributions to Wisconsin's overall economic prosperity, generating $27.8 billion in forestry goods and services and employing more than 55,000 individuals annually, with total economic effects increasing this impact to $43.5 billion and about 127,000 jobs statewide; and

WHEREAS; forestry's economic impact reaches every corner of the state, with forest products-related jobs making up 11 percent of all manufacturing jobs statewide; 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 fosters growth of the forest products economy in the state; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin remains number one in the nation for papermaking—a position it has held for more than 70 years—and about 1,000 companies in the forest products industry, along with another 270 in the logging and forestry support sectors, produce a wide variety of products Wisconsinites use daily, ranging from paper and doors to furniture and food packaging; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin encourages all Wisconsinites to recognize and celebrate the state's forests, and the renewable resources they provide, as an important part of the state's history, economy and culture;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 18 – 24, 2026, 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 5th day of October 2026.

Tony Evers

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State