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 vital raw material to the forest products industry, recreational opportunities, and critical ecosystem operations; and

WHEREAS; the forest products sector contributes to the overall economic prosperity of Wisconsin, generating $24.7 billion in goods and services annually and employing more than 57,000 Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS; primary and secondary forest products businesses also help shape Wisconsin's economy, with forest products-related jobs making up more than 11 percent of all manufacturing jobs in the state; and

WHEREAS; more than 1,100 companies in Wisconsin's forest products industry and 240 in the logging and forestry support sectors produce a wide variety of products Americans use daily, ranging from paper to doors, furniture, and food packaging; and

WHEREAS; forest management provides a renewable resource to meet the global demand for a wide range of forest products and keeps Wisconsin as number one in the nation for papermaking, a position the state has held for more than half a century; and

WHEREAS; forest products also help mitigate climate change by storing carbon throughout the lifespan of the product; 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 20 – 26, 2024, 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 3rd day of October 2024.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State