

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 more than \$20 billion in goods and services annually and employing around 60,000 people across the state; and

WHEREAS; forestry's economic impact reaches every corner of the state, with forest products-related jobs making up almost 12 percent of all manufacturing jobs statewide, 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; there are more than 1,000 companies in Wisconsin's forest products industry that produce a wide variety of products, 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 forests for the renewable 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 16 through 22, 2022, as

FOREST PRODUCTS WEEK

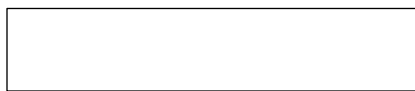
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

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 4th day of October 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State