

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 \$24.5 billion in goods and services annually and employing more than 64,000 folks across our state; and

WHEREAS; forestry's economic impact reaches every corner of our state, with forest products-related jobs making up almost 12 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 our state; and

WHEREAS; there are more than 1,200 companies in Wisconsin's forest products industry, with another 250 in the logging and forestry support sectors, 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 our forests, and the renewable resources they provide, as an important part of our state's history, economy, and culture;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim October 17 through 23, 2021, 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State