

# 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 \$24.3 billion in goods and services annually and employing more than 63,000 folks across our state; and

*WHEREAS*; forestry's economic impact reaches every corner of our state, with forest products-related jobs making up 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*; Wisconsin remains number one in the nation for papermaking – a position it has held for more than 60 years – and more than 1,200 companies in our forest products industry, with another 280 in the logging and forestry support sectors, produce a wide variety of products ranging from paper to doors, windows, and flooring; 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 18 – 24, 2020, 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 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Evers".  
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TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Douglas La Follette".  
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DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State