WHEREAS, Wisconsin has 17 million acres of forested land, both public and private, and forestry’s economic impact reaches every corner of the state and is the number one employer in ten counties; and

WHEREAS, the forest products sector contributes to the overall economic prosperity of Wisconsin generating $24.1 billion in goods and services annually and employing over 60,000 citizens; and

WHEREAS, primary and secondary forest products businesses help shape our state’s economy with forest products related jobs making up to 14 percent of all manufacturing jobs in the state; and

WHEREAS, active 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 it has held for over 60 years; and

WHEREAS, more than 1,200 companies in Wisconsin’s forest products industry (with another 280 in the logging and forestry support sectors) produce a wide variety of products we use daily ranging from paper to doors, windows and flooring; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin’s forests, and the renewable resources they provide, are 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 20 – 26, 2019, as

WISCONSIN FOREST PRODUCTS WEEK

throughout the state of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our citizens.

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 17th day of October 2019.

Tony Evers
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette
Secretary of State