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 15th day of October 2020.

Tony Evers

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State