



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, forestry is an integral part of Alabama, providing jobs, products and recreational opportunities for us all; and

WHEREAS, during Alabama's inaugural "Woods to Goods Week," we recognize the forest products industry and the products it produces as well as the Alabamians who work every day to keep the industry running and our forests healthy; and

WHEREAS, throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Alabama's forestry industry continued to provide timber to mills, who in turn produced toilet paper, disinfectant wipes, latex gloves and other items essential in the fight against COVID; and

WHEREAS, over 49,000 Alabamians are directly employed by the forest products industry – most from rural areas; and

WHEREAS, forestry has a total economic impact of \$27.6 billion dollars within the state of Alabama and is the second largest manufacturing industry in the state as well as the second largest producer of pulp, paper and paperboard in the Nation, creating 69,558 indirect and induced jobs in the State alone;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 18 through 24th, 2020, as

Woods to Goods Week

in the state of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 14th day of October 2020.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor