



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, forestry is an integral part of Alabama. The forest products industry provides jobs, products and recreational opportunities for all; and

WHEREAS, Woods to Goods Week began in 2020 during the third week of October and has since involved many public officials, students, state employees and of course, loggers, foresters and manufacturing facility employees. Woods to Goods Week accomplished nine legislative mill tours, eight log site visits, a forestry career day, a legislative learn and burn and several other educational events to celebrate the forest industry throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's 23.1 million acres of healthy forests provides the raw materials to supply a thriving forest products industry. Thanks to responsible sustainability practices, there are more trees in the state today than ever before. Over 49,000 Alabamians are directly employed by the forest products industry. These jobs provide an opportunity for a wide array of professionals with varied skills and backgrounds to enjoy a fulfilling and successful career; and

WHEREAS, forestry has a total economic impact of 28.9 billion dollars within the state and is the second largest manufacturing industry in the state. Alabama is also the second largest producer of pulp, paper and paperboard in the nation. Alabama wood is crucial throughout the nation and world with \$1.56 billion in exports annually; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's forest products industry is thriving and will continue to thrive for many years to come. The Alabama Forestry Association and Forest Workforce Training Institute (ForestryWorks) want to thank all the men and women of the forest products industry this week, and every week, for their continued effort to provide Alabama-grown and manufactured forest products to the people of Alabama and the United States of America;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 16 through October 22, 2022, 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 3rd day of October 2022.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor