



# 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 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 20 through October 26, 2024, 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor