



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, forestry is an integral part of Alabama's heritage and economy, providing essential jobs, products and recreational opportunities for citizens across the state; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's 23.1 million acres of healthy, sustainably managed forests supply the raw materials that drive a thriving forest products industry, ensuring there are more trees in the state today than ever before; and

WHEREAS, more than 54,000 Alabamians are directly employed in the forest products industry, most in rural communities, supporting families and contributing to the total \$36 billion economic impact forestry provides within the state; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's forest products industry is the state's second largest manufacturing sector and the second largest producer of pulp, paper and paperboard in the nation, creating more than 124,000 indirect and induced jobs and exporting \$1.56 billion in forest products each year; and

WHEREAS, since first proclaimed in 2020, Woods to Goods Week has grown into a statewide celebration highlighting the importance of forestry and the people who make it possible, featuring mill tours, logging site visits, forestry field days, landowner tours and other educational and promotional events; and

WHEREAS, Woods to Goods Week recognizes the men and women of Alabama's forest products industry for their continued commitment to sustainability, stewardship and innovation in providing Alabama-grown and manufactured forest products to our state, nation and world:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 20 through 26, 2025, as

Woods to Goods Week

in the state of Alabama, and encourage all citizens to join me in celebrating the strength, sustainability and success of Alabama's forest products industry and the hardworking Alabamians who make it thrive.



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 23rd day of October 2025.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor