



# *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 53,000 Alabamians are directly employed in the forest products industry, most in rural communities supporting families and contributing to the total \$37.5 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 largest producer of pulp, paper and paperboard in the nation, creating more than 70,000 indirect and induced jobs and exporting \$1.48 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 18 through 24, 2026, 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 2026.*

*Kay Ivey*  
Kay Ivey, Governor