

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NORTH CAROLINA FOREST PRODUCTS WEEK

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Forest Products Week is celebrated during the third week in October every year as a reminder that forests are a sustainable, renewable, and recyclable resource; they are the backbone of our environment and one of North Carolina's most environmentally friendly building materials; and

WHEREAS, in celebration, the North Carolina Forestry Association and the North Carolina Forest Service recognizes the \$35.3 billion that the forest products industry contributes to our state's economy; and

WHEREAS, according to economic contribution data from North Carolina State University, in 2021 the forest products industry in North Carolina — including forestry and logging operations, sawmills, furniture mills, and pulp and paper industries — ranked among the top manufacturing sectors in the state; and

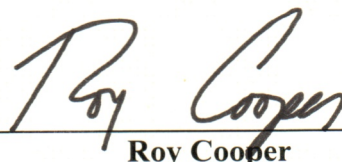
WHEREAS, the forest products industry supports more than 139,700 jobs; and

WHEREAS, the forest sector in North Carolina directly generates about \$184 million in state taxes and \$434.4 million in federal taxes annually; and

WHEREAS, international exports from the North Carolina forest sector total about \$1.74 billion;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 15 – 21, 2023, as “**NORTH CAROLINA FOREST PRODUCTS WEEK**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twelfth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-eighth.