

State of Maine



WHEREAS, eighty-nine percent of Maine's land is forested, making it the most forested state by proportion in the United States; and

WHEREAS, of Maine's 17.6 million forested acres, including the largest contiguous block of undeveloped forestland east of the Mississippi River, 15.9 million acres are private commercial forestland; and

WHEREAS, Maine's approximately 170,000 private woodland owners play a vital role in the future of the forest industry; and

WHEREAS, the forest products sector plays a vital role in the economic health and future of Maine, especially in rural communities; and

WHEREAS, about 50 percent of the State's forestland, about 8.3 million acres, is under third-party sustainable forest certification, one of the highest totals in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Maine's forest products sector provides more than 33,000 jobs, one out of every 24 jobs in the State; provides \$1 of every \$20 of total state gross domestic product, and has an \$8.5 billion impact on Maine's economy annually; and

WHEREAS, Maine's working forests play an essential role in providing a wide array of ecosystem services, including providing for clean air, clean water, wildlife habitat and biodiversity; and

WHEREAS, Maine has one of the most diverse forest products industries in the United States, with a highly integrated processing and transportation system;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby recognize October 21st through October 26th, 2019 as

Maine Forest Products Week

throughout the State of Maine, and I urge all citizens to recognize this observance.



In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this tenth day of September Two Thousand Nineteen

Janet T. Mills
Governor

Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

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