Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky

To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

WHEREAS, Kentucky's forests are a renewable natural resource, with forest products industries employing more than 59,000 people and contributing about $12.8 billion to the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky exported $102.9 million in forest products last year, which ranked them among the top ten of the state's agricultural exports; and

WHEREAS, Forest products and woody biomass are a valuable component of the state's renewable energy portfolio; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky's forests long provided an economic livelihood for our earliest settlers and communities, and the forests along with the diverse forest products manufactured by local industries are still vitally important today; and

WHEREAS, Forest land covers 12.3 million acres — or 48 percent — of Kentucky, and the landowners of these acres receive a tremendous economic benefit from the sale of wood products to the industry; and

WHEREAS, Forest industries are located within 109 of Kentucky's 120 counties; and

WHEREAS, We recognize the substantial contribution of the sustainable products produced from the state's forests and forest industries that promote healthy forests on both private and public land, and their significant economic impact, enhancing the quality of life for all Kentuckians;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim October 19-25, 2014, as

FOREST PRODUCTS WEEK

in Kentucky, and encourage its observance.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 13th day of October, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen and in the 223rd year of the Commonwealth.

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STEVEN L. BESHEAR
GOVERNOR

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ALISON LUNDERGA GRIMES
SECRETARY OF STATE