

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, Montana's forestland is one of our most important natural resources and plays an important role in defining our way of life and driving our economy; and

WHEREAS, Montana faces a forest health crisis, with over nine million acres of forestland in Montana having significant forest health issues and an elevated risk of wildfire; and

WHEREAS, we must work together to actively and meaningfully manage our lands to improve forest health and reduce wildfire risk across the state; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of active forest management are clear: healthier forests, improved wildlife habitat, enhanced recreational opportunities, more good-paying jobs, and less severe wildfires; and

WHEREAS, the hardworking men and women in the forest products industry are good stewards of our abundant forested resources who actively manage our forests, grow the economy, create good-paying jobs, and make our forests healthier and more resilient;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim October 16th through 22nd as

MONTANA FOREST PRODUCTS WEEK

to promote the forest products industry and recognize its many contributions to Montana.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor