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2021 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 56

May 27, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives SNYDER, KRUG, MURSAU, MILROY, DITTRICH, VANDERMEER, SNODGRASS, MOSES, DRAKE, B. MEYERS, EDMING, SPIROS, STEFFEN, JAMES, CALLAHAN, TRANEL, SHANKLAND, TAUCHEN, SWEARINGEN, TUSLER, MURPHY, SPREITZER and SUBECK, cosponsored by Senators FELZKOWSKI, WIMBERGER, TESTIN, JACQUE, ROTH, COWLES, BALLWEG, FEYEN, MARKLEIN, BEWLEY and L. TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming May 2021 as “Paper and Forestry Products Month” in
2 Wisconsin.

3 Whereas, trees and Wisconsin’s sustainable well-managed forests, both
4 private and public, are the backbone supporting Wisconsin’s valued way of life and
5 are the basis for the social, economic, and ecological well-being of Wisconsinites and
6 the forest products industry; and

7 Whereas, Wisconsin’s lumber and wood products industry predates the state,
8 and papermaking began in 1848, three months before Wisconsin became a state, and
9 paper manufacturing has been a cornerstone of the state’s economy for more than
10 165 years, with Wisconsin leading the nation in paper manufacturing for more than
11 60 years; and

12 Whereas, the logging and pulp and papermaking industries significantly
13 contribute to Wisconsin’s economic health and well-being by employing more than
14 35,000 women and men in family-supporting jobs whose annual income exceeds \$2.9
15 billion; and

1 Whereas, the pulp and paper industry and other forest products industries
2 contribute an estimated direct tax contribution of \$248.33 million in state and local
3 taxes, with a total tax contribution of \$1.2 billion; and

4 Whereas, Wisconsin produces a greater diversity of paper and wood products
5 than any other state in the Union; and

6 Whereas, as 2021 has been declared by the United Nations General Assembly
7 as “The International Year of Creative Economy for Sustainable Development”; and

8 Whereas, approximately two-thirds of the nation’s freshwater resources
9 originate on forested lands, both public and private, and some 180 million people in
10 over 68,000 communities rely on these forested lands to capture and filter their
11 drinking water; and

12 Whereas, thanks to sustainable forestry practices, Wisconsin forests are
13 growing one-and-a-half times more timber than is being harvested each year, and
14 there are more trees in forests throughout the United States than there were 100
15 years ago; and

16 Whereas, the paper, pulp, forestry, and printing industries are sustainable and
17 environmentally conscious and are a major driver of Wisconsin’s economy; and

18 Whereas, Wisconsin’s nearly 17 million acres of forest lands and its millions of
19 urban trees significantly enhance the quality of life in our great state, contribute to
20 water quality, support and enhance soil quality, provide habitat and sustenance for
21 terrestrial and aquatic flora and fauna, and offer four-season recreational and
22 aesthetic opportunities to residents and visitors of all ages; now, therefore, be it

23 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
24 Wisconsin Legislature proclaim May 2021 as Paper and Forestry Products Month in
25 Wisconsin and commend this observance to all citizens; and, be it further

