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2019 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 32

May 9, 2019 - Introduced by Senators TIFFANY, BEWLEY, COWLES, HANSEN, JACQUE, LARSON, LEMAHIEU, ROTH, TESTIN, PETROWSKI, SCHACHTNER and L. TAYLOR, cosponsored by Representatives KRUG, SHANKLAND, BALLWEG, EDMING, FELZKOWSKI, B. MEYERS, MURPHY, MURSAU, PETRYK, SPIROS, SNYDER, STAFSHOLT, STEINEKE, STUCK, TUSLER, CONSIDINE, DUCHOW, FIELDS, ROHRKASTE, SPREITZER, THIESFELDT, TRANEL, VANDERMEER, VINING and VORPAGEL. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming May 2019 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 the basis for the social, economic, and ecological well-being of Wisconsinites and the
6 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, leading the nation in paper manufacturing for more than 60 years; and

11 Whereas, the logging, papermaking, and printing industries significantly
12 contribute to Wisconsin's economic health and well-being by employing more than
13 106,000 women and men in family-supporting jobs whose annual income exceeds
14 \$6.4 billion; and

1 Whereas, the paper and forest products industries contribute an estimated
2 \$238 million in state and local taxes; and

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

5 Whereas, as 2019 has been declared by Governor Tony Evers as “The Year of
6 Clean Drinking Water” and Speaker Robin Vos has established a “Water Quality
7 Task Force,” Approximately two-thirds of the nation’s freshwater resources
8 originate on forested lands, both public and private. Some 180 million people in over
9 68,000 communities rely on these forested lands to capture and filter their drinking
10 water; and

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

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

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

22 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the
23 Wisconsin State Legislature proclaim May 2019 as Paper and Forestry Products
24 Month in Wisconsin and commend this observance to all citizens; and, be it further

