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2019 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 102

February 20, 2020 - Introduced by Senators TIFFANY, BEWLEY, COWLES, JACQUE, LEMAHIEU, OLSEN, ROTH, L. TAYLOR and TESTIN, cosponsored by Representatives FELZKOWSKI, EDMING, KULP, MILROY, MURPHY, MURSAU, NYGREN, QUINN, SHANKLAND, SKOWRONSKI, SPIROS, STUCK, SUBECK, SWEARINGEN, TUSLER and VANDERMEER. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming May 2020 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 60,000 women and men in family-supporting jobs whose annual income exceeds \$4.4
14 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, thanks to sustainable forestry practices, Wisconsin forests are
6 growing one and a half times more timber than is being harvested each year and
7 there are more trees in forests throughout the United States than there were 100
8 years ago; and

9 Whereas, the paper, pulp, forestry, and printing industries are sustainable,
10 environmentally-conscious and are a major driver of Wisconsin's economy; and

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

16 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the
17 Wisconsin State Legislature proclaim May 2020 as Paper and Forestry Products
18 Month in Wisconsin and commend this observance to all citizens; and, be it further

19 ***Resolved, That*** the legislature calls upon our citizens to learn more about the
20 important role the paper, forestry, and printing product sectors play in our economy
21 and the environment; and, be it further

22 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
23 resolution to the Council on Forestry, the Wisconsin Paper Discovery Center, the
24 Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education at the College of Natural Resources
25 at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, the Wisconsin River Papermaking

1 Museum, the Wisconsin Paper Council, Centergy, the Great Lakes Timber
2 Professionals Association, the USDA Forest Products Laboratory, Trees for
3 Tomorrow, the Wood Industry Collaborative, the Wisconsin County Forests
4 Association, Wisconsin Woodland Owners, and the Lake States Lumber Association.

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