



2005 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 69

February 28, 2006 - Introduced by Senators ZIEN, KAPANKE, COWLES, DECKER, MILLER and BRESKE, cosponsored by Representatives M. WILLIAMS, FRISKE, HUBLER, MEYER, HUNDERTMARK, PETROWSKI, GRONEMUS, AINSWORTH, KRAWCZYK, PETTIS and MOLEPSKE. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** recognizing March 23, 2006, as Wisconsin Professional Logger and
2 Forest Products Industry Appreciation Day.

3 Whereas, Wisconsin's forestry industry is the 2nd largest industry sector in the
4 state, with annual shipments valued at \$28 billion, which is 2.5 times as much as
5 either of our neighboring states of Michigan and Minnesota; and

6 Whereas, in 42 of Wisconsin's 72 counties, the forest products industry ranks
7 1st, 2nd, or 3rd as the largest employer and Wisconsin's forestry industry creates
8 high paying jobs that average \$38,000 annually; and

9 Whereas, the forestry industry directly employs 100,000 workers with a payroll
10 of over \$3.5 billion; and

11 Whereas, 160,000 workers are employed in occupations that support the forest
12 industry, 26 percent of Wisconsin's workforce has some involvement in the forestry
13 product industry, and Wisconsin's forest product industry employs one of every 8
14 workers in manufacturing jobs; and

1 Whereas, on average, an acre of Wisconsin forest grows enough biomass to
2 provide the energy equivalent to one barrel of crude oil every year; and

3 Whereas, the number of live trees over 10 feet tall on Wisconsin forest land
4 increased by 1.4 billion between 1983 and 1996 translating to 1,700 live trees per
5 Wisconsin resident; and

6 Whereas, at a time when significant forest lands are being lost in other states,
7 Wisconsin's forest lands have increased by 640,000 acres since 1985; and

8 Whereas, Wisconsin manufacturers depend on Wisconsin forestry and over 90
9 percent of the state's timber harvested is used by Wisconsin manufacturers; and

10 Whereas, Wisconsin is the number one paper making state in the nation and
11 has been for 50 years; and

12 Whereas, Wisconsin's forests support our valuable tourism and recreation
13 economy, creating an additional \$5.5 billion annually in forest-based recreation and
14 most recreational trails used for snowmobiling, hiking, and horseback riding began
15 as logging roads; and

16 Whereas, Wisconsin ranks 2nd in the nation in forest products capital
17 investments, with over \$800 million annually; and

18 Whereas, logging is one of Wisconsin's oldest professions, predating Wisconsin's
19 statehood; and

20 Whereas, nearly all of today's logging contractors are independent,
21 family-owned businesses and many are 2nd and 3rd generation owned; now,
22 therefore, be it

23 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** in recognition of
24 the importance of Wisconsin's professional loggers, forestry and forestry products
25 industry, the members of the Wisconsin legislature do hereby proclaim March 23rd,

