



State of Wisconsin  
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## 2019 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 133

February 11, 2020 - Introduced by Representatives FELZKOWSKI, KRUG, EDMING, KULP, MILROY, MURPHY, MURSAU, NYGREN, QUINN, SHANKLAND, SKOWRONSKI, SPIROS, STUCK, SUBECK, SWEARINGEN, TUSLER and VANDERMEER, cosponsored by Senators TIFFANY, BEWLEY, COWLES, JACQUE, LEMAHIEU, OLSEN, ROTH, L. TAYLOR and TESTIN. Referred to Committee on Rules.

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 assembly, the senate 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 assembly 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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