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## 2021 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 30

May 7, 2021 - Introduced by Senators FELZKOWSKI, WIMBERGER, ROTH and JACQUE, cosponsored by Representatives SNYDER, KRUG, MURSAU, VANDERMEER, DITTRICH, MILROY and SNODGRASS. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

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 senate, the assembly 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

