

State of Misconsin 2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

2021 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 56

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

May 27, 2021 – Introduced by Representatives SNYDER, KRUG, MURSAU, MILROY, DITTRICH, VANDERMEER, SNODGRASS, MOSES, DRAKE, B. MEYERS, EDMING, SPIROS, STEFFEN, JAMES, CALLAHAN, TRANEL, SHANKLAND, TAUCHEN, SWEARINGEN, TUSLER, MURPHY, SPREITZER and SUBECK, cosponsored by Senators Felzkowski, Wimberger, Testin, Jacque, Roth, Cowles, Ballweg, FEYEN, MARKLEIN, BEWLEY and L. TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Rules.

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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 assembly, the senate 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

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

4 **Resolved**, That the legislature shows its appreciation and gratitude to our 5 state's public and private partners who help Wisconsin sustain and grow our Paper 6 and Forest products industry: the Council on Forestry, the Wisconsin Paper 7 Discovery Center, the Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association, the Wisconsin 8 Center for Environmental Education at the College of Natural Resources at the 9 University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, the Wisconsin River Papermaking Museum, 10 the Wisconsin Paper Council, Centergy, the American Forestry & Paper Association, 11 the USDA Forest Products Laboratory, Trees for Tomorrow, Quad/Graphics, 12Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce, the Wood Industry Collaborative, the 13Wisconsin County Forests Association, Wisconsin Woodland Owners, the National Forest Service, the Federal Sustainable Forestry Committee, and the Lake States 14 Lumber Association. 15

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