

Release

from the South Carolina Forestry Commission



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Monday, Oct. 16, 2017

CONTACT:

Doug Wood, Director of Communications
(803) 968-1576 | DWood@scfc.gov

Gov. McMaster proclaims Oct. 16-20 SC Forest Products Week

Designation puts spotlight on forest industry's importance to state's economy

Gov. Henry McMaster has signed a proclamation designating Oct. 16-20 South Carolina Forest Products Week in the Palmetto State.

The observance coincides with the annual national week of the same name and pays tribute to the thousands of products that come from our forests, the professionals who manage the forests, and the businesses and people that create the products.

“Wood is a renewable resource that offers the availability and abundance to satisfy the Palmetto State’s ever-growing demands and, through active forest management we can be assured of a continuous supply of timber for the future,” reads the proclamation in part. “Now, therefore I... do hereby proclaim October 16-20, 2017 October 2017 as South Carolina Forest Products Week.”

South Carolina’s second-largest manufacturing industry in terms of jobs and wages, forestry generates a \$21 billion impact on South Carolina’s economy. Forestry also accounts for the number one harvested crop and the number one export from the Port of Charleston.

"Forest product manufacturing and its economic impact are critical to maintaining a healthy forestry supply chain, healthy forests, and many jobs," said SC State Forester Gene Kodama. "That supply chain starts with forest landowners and extends through harvesting and manufacturing, then begins again with landowners regenerating their forests."

Forest products come from a renewable and sustainable resource and touch our lives every day. Many forest products are easily recognizable, like napkins, toilet paper and computer paper, but some are not so obvious, like toothpaste made from cellulose gum and compounds from trees in medicine and shampoo. Our forests also provide much more than consumer goods, helping purify the air and providing 60 percent of the fresh water in the United States.

###

The mission of the South Carolina Forestry Commission is to protect, promote, enhance and nurture the forest lands of South Carolina in a manner consistent with achieving the greatest good for its citizens. In addition to being recreational hotspots for hiking, biking, hunting, camping and horseback riding, the Commission's state lands are demonstration forests for ecological responsibility and productivity.

