

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, our forestlands offer economic and environmental benefits – providing products ranging from wood and paper goods, to construction materials, to renewable woody biomass to use for energy; and

WHEREAS, our forests, and the industries that rely on them, create numerous jobs – jobs that can weather economic storms, as forests can be re-planted year after year; and

WHEREAS, our forests serve as a natural habitat for wildlife, and it's important to ensure that these resources continue to thrive; and

WHEREAS, technology improvements, as well as recognized stewardship practices by those who manage the forests, have improved these resources and opened new opportunities for sustainable use; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate the varied and unique uses of our forestlands, and the important tradition of careful stewardship we are entrusted to carry on to ensure these resources will be enjoyed by future generations; and

WHEREAS, National Forest Products Week is celebrated October 17-23, 2010;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim October 17-23, 2010, as

Forest Products Week

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 18th day of October, 2010

Christine O. Gregoire
Governor Christine O. Gregoire

