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Trade Association Coalition Hails Passage of Legislative Measures Declaring May 2019 “Paper and Forestry Products Month”

Identical Assembly and Senate Joint Resolutions Pass Both Legislative Houses, Receiving Unanimous Bipartisan Support

Madison... A coalition of trade and non-profit associations representing papermakers, forestry advocates and printers applauded the unanimous passage of Assembly Joint Resolution (AJR) 39 in the State Assembly and Senate Joint Resolution (SJR) 32 in the Wisconsin State Legislature today. AJR 39 and SJR 32 both declare the month of May 2019 as “**Paper and Forestry Products Month**”. The coalition expressed appreciation for the strong bipartisan support by legislators from both political parties and extended special thanks to the newly formed **Wisconsin Paper Caucus** for sponsoring the legislation.

“We are grateful that the Wisconsin Legislature has recognized the importance of paper, forestry and printing to our state’s economy by passing these important Joint Resolutions,” stated Scott Suder, President of the Wisconsin Paper Council.

“Declaring May 2019 “Paper and Forestry Products Month” reinforces the important role sustainable forest management and paper making play in Wisconsin’s economy and environment,” said Henry Schienebeck, Executive Director of The Great Lakes Timber Producers Association.

“We appreciate the Legislature’s passage of these important resolutions which will serve as a positive reminder of our efforts to ensure long term health and sustainability of forest ecosystems throughout Wisconsin,” commented Jane Severt, Executive Director of the Wisconsin County Forests Association.

“This recognition of the importance of forestry and papermaking to our state by our elected leaders from both sides of the aisle is both heartwarming and appreciated,” said Robin Ginner, Executive Director of Trees for Tomorrow.

“These bipartisan Joint Resolutions highlight the positive impact and contributions that forestry has upon our state’s economy and we thank both Legislative Houses for this recognition,” stated Crystal Rohde representing the Wood Industry Collaborative.

“WMC thanks members of both parties for highlighting the importance of printing and papermaking to our state’s economy and workforce,” added Scott Manley, Senior Vice President of Government Relations for WMC.

“Paper, forestry and printing are critical parts of our economy here in Wisconsin and WIEG would like to thank the Legislature for recognizing these contributions,” stated Todd Stuart, WIEG Executive Director.

“We appreciate the Wisconsin Legislature’s recognition of the many hard-working professionals that make up our timber industry throughout the Midwest,” said Brady Francois, LSLA President.

Together, Wisconsin’s forestry, papermaking and printing job creators employ over 106,000 men and women with good, family supporting jobs. In addition, these job creators contribute over \$238 million annually in tax payments to the State of Wisconsin. Our coalition extends our thanks to the Wisconsin State Legislature for their recognition of these industries.

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