

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, Mississippi's forest products industry has played an enduring and vital role in the economic life of our State—from growing and harvesting trees to manufacturing and recycling the products of our forest; and

**WHEREAS**, our forest products industry has demonstrated its commitment to good stewardship by reforesting millions of acres, thus providing better wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities on their lands; and

**WHEREAS**, worldwide demand for wood and paper products is projected to double over the next fifty years, creating the potential for even greater economic and environmental contributions from these forested lands; and

**WHEREAS**, the forest products industry employs and will continue to employ thousands of our State's citizens in both forest and the factory as they work to feed this growing global demand for wood and wood fiber; and

**WHEREAS**, health, well-managed forests are priceless contributors to the equality of our air, water and the recreational needs of our citizens:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim October 12 through October 18, 2003 as

**FOREST PRODUCTS WEEK**

in the State of Mississippi and encourage our citizens to observe the important role that forest products play in our daily lives and in providing for Mississippi's economic and environmental needs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, September 9, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-seventh year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR