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Governor Musgrove Proclaims “Forest Products Week”

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has proclaimed the week of October 12-18, 2003, as “Forest Products Week” to recognize the importance of forest products to Mississippi’s economy.

“Our forest products industry has played a vital role in the economic landscape of our state,” said Musgrove. “The forestry industry continues to provide jobs to thousands of Mississippians in order to meet the global demand for forest products.”

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. The forest products industry continues to demonstrate its commitment to good stewardship by reforesting millions of acres, thus providing better wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities on their lands.

For more information about “Forest Products Week”, please contact the Mississippi Forestry Commission at (601) 359-1386.