State of Iowa
Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Iowa boasts 2.9 million acres of forest land that covers 8 percent of its land base, 85 percent of Iowa's forests are privately owned, with most of this forest land able to produce commercial timber; and

WHEREAS, Iowa is internationally known for its high-quality black walnut trees. These trees are prized for their use as veneer, walnut heartwood has a color that is unique, allowing it to command much better prices compared to any other tree in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Iowa's diverse timber species support a wide variety of forest products industries, from cabinet manufacturers to whiskey barrel production and from hardwood-grade lumber to wood pallets; and

WHEREAS, Trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, Trees reduce erosion of soil by wind and water, reduce heating and cooling costs for homeowners, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, Forest that are managed in a sustainable way provide an additional source of income for that farm, while providing environmental benefits daily to all Iowans in terms of soil erosion control, air quality, and water quality; and

WHEREAS, Iowa forests are growing more volume of wood each year than what is being harvested:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim October 17-21, 2022 as:

Wood Products Week

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED.
DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 17TH DAY OF OCTOBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO.

KIM REYNOLDS
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

PAMELA J. PATE
DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF IOWA