



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

FORESTRY DAY AT THE CAPITOL

- WHEREAS:** The year 2019 marks the 112th year of the Georgia Forestry Association's existence, where it has had the honor of serving as a unified voice to advocate on behalf of Georgia's working forests, a resource our state is blessed to have; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia, at 22 million acres that cover roughly two-thirds of our state's total land area, has more acres of working forests than any other state in our nation; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia is the number one forestry state in the nation; and
- WHEREAS:** This precious resource is not only plentiful, but also sustainably managed. Even with all of the timber harvested from Georgia's working forests over the past 80 years, Georgia still has more acres of forests today than it had in the year 1936; and
- WHEREAS:** These working forests not only have vast ecological benefits, but economic benefits too. Georgia's forests products industry is responsible for the jobs of 147,380 Georgians all in all creating a \$35.9 billion economic impact for our state; and
- WHEREAS:** Each year, the Georgia Forestry Association invites leaders in our state's forestry industry to visit the Capitol and educate our elected officials about the impact that forestry has in our state; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 19, 2019, as FORESTRY DAY at the State Capitol in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 15th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



B. P. Kemp
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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