
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 454 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY HUTCHINSON, ARGALL, BAKER, BARTOLOTTA, BOSCOLA,
BROWNE, DINNIMAN, EICHELBERGER, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, MENSCH,
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OCTOBER 17, 2016

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, OCTOBER 17, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of October 16 through 22, 2016, as
2 "National Forest Products Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, It is important to recognize "National Forest
4 Products Week" to remind the residents of this Commonwealth of
5 the unique contributions the forest products industry has made
6 to the history, texture and quality of life in Pennsylvania; and

7 WHEREAS, The first paper mill in the United States was built
8 in Pennsylvania in 1690; and

9 WHEREAS, More than 10% of this Commonwealth's manufacturing
10 work force is involved in the forest products industry, with
11 approximately 60,000 Pennsylvanians making a livelihood
12 connected to the industry; and

13 WHEREAS, Forest products encompass an incredibly wide range
14 of products with nearly limitless everyday uses, from
15 facilitating education, communications, hygiene, food storage
16 and product protection, to providing shelter and homes; and

17 WHEREAS, There are more than 2,100 separate businesses

1 involved in the forest products industry with a presence in
2 every county of this Commonwealth; and

3 WHEREAS, The industry's responsible stewardship of our
4 forests and commitment to sustainable practices are why this
5 Commonwealth has more forests today than it did 25 years ago;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Forest Products Association was
8 created in 1980 to provide a unified voice on State legislative
9 and regulatory issues and represents all sectors of the forest
10 products industry; and

11 WHEREAS, The Hardwoods Development Council within the
12 Department of Agriculture is charged with the promotion,
13 development and expansion of this Commonwealth's hardwoods
14 industry; and

15 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania WoodMobile, the traveling
16 educational exhibit made possible by the joint partnership
17 between the forest products industry and the Hardwoods
18 Development Council, will "GO URBAN" during "National Forest
19 Products Week" with visits to Philadelphia, Allentown/Bethlehem,
20 Scranton, Erie and Pittsburgh; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the week of October 16
22 through 22, 2016, as "National Forest Products Week" in
23 Pennsylvania.