STATE OF OREGON

PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS:

Oregon is blessed with abundant forests that are managed sustainably under the Oregon Forest Practices Act and the state's land use laws, assuring Oregonians that Oregon's forests provide countless benefits, including clean air and water, fish and wildlife habitat, recreation, scenic beauty, local renewable energy, forest products, employment and tax revenue for local communities, counties and the State of Oregon; and

WHEREAS:

Oregon is and has been for decades the nation's leader in wood products manufacturing, forest productivity, forestry education and research, leading to recognition as the nation's forerunner for innovation and use of advanced wood products such as cross-laminated timber and other mass timber products; and

WHEREAS:

Oregon's forest sector is among the state's leading traded sectors, contributing more than \$12 billion annually to the state's economy, employing more than 60,000 Oregonians with annual average incomes exceeding the state's median; and

WHEREAS:

Wood products of all kinds, including those from Oregon's sustainably managed forests, are the only building materials that are both renewable and store atmospheric carbon, a known contributor to global warming and climate change.

NOW, THEREFORE:

I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim October 15-21, 2017, to be

OREGON FOREST PRODUCTS WEEK

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, October 4, 2017.

Kate Brown, Governor

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Dennis Richardson, Secretary of State