

NATIONAL LOGGERS' DAY

Last year, the American Loggers Council announced the introduction of a Senate Resolution, House Resolution of Support, and Letter of Recognition from President Biden designating October 12th as "National Loggers Day".

Loggers were a part of carving out a new life in America 400 years ago and continue to build America daily. Loggers today carry on the proud tradition that has been a part of the American fabric since the beginning and will continue to be in the future. The proud timber industry heritage depicted by the iconic Paul Bunyan lives on in today's loggers. They are an American legacy.

"Our forest products industry has supported good-paying jobs, driven local economies, strengthened rural communities, and protected our natural environment. I come from a six-generation forest-products family and know of no other enterprise that requires more faith in the future and respect for the past," said Senator Collins. "I am proud to join Senator Baldwin in honoring the skilled and resilient loggers in Maine and across the country. I have strongly supported these hardworking men and women by advocating for workforce development programs and securing financial assistance during the pandemic, and I look forward to continuing to be a strong partner on issues to protect this resilient industry and its talented employees."

"I'm proud to lead this bipartisan effort with Senator Collins to spotlight the importance of logging businesses and workers who keep our forests healthy and support our Made in America forest products supply chain," said Senator Baldwin. "Wisconsin's logging economy provides good-paying jobs and revenue for rural communities and the National Park System. Healthy forest management also provides public recreational opportunities that make the Wisconsin way of life a national treasure. With this bipartisan Senate Resolution, we are showing our commitment to the loggers who work hard to advance what has been a cultural tradition in the United States for centuries."

"The significance of this proclamation for loggers across the United States cannot be overstated," Dana Doran, Executive Director of the Professional Logging Contractors of Maine, said. "At no prior time in our nation's history have loggers been recognized for their selfless and heroic efforts by our nation's government, and we especially want to thank U.S. Senator Susan Collins for leading the effort to honor their contribution to our nation's economy on behalf of the hard-working small family businesses in the industry. Loggers work hard day in and day out to supply every American with products that they need to live safe and productive lives. It's important to not only honor this heritage industry but also to be sure that every American recognizes the importance of their contribution now and in the future."

Loggers supply the renewable resources that the forest products industry (paper, lumber, biomass, etc.) requires to produce the products people need, use, and depend on. That is why they were deemed essential and continued working through the pandemic.

American forests are healthy and sustainable due to the services that loggers provide to the public and private forest managers which allows them to meet their sustainable forest management objectives.



The American logger improves rural communities, forest health, animal habitat, wildfire mitigation, carbon sequestration, and renewable energy development. Without loggers, these public economic and environmental benefits would not be possible.

The American Loggers Council appreciates the Congressional and Presidential recognition of the American Logger and the contribution that they have made for generations in building America.

Congressman Good (VA) plans to introduce the Resolution of Support this week, and it is anticipated to pass and officially recognize October 12th as National Loggers Day.



THE WHITE HOUSE
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I send my warmest greetings to all those celebrating National Loggers Day.

America is the largest producer of forest products in the world, and every day we rely on the timber industry for so many essential goods: the lumber that builds our homes, the paper we print, the medicines we take, and much more. We owe a great deal to America's loggers who make this all possible. Their hard work not only helps power our economy but also sustainably stewards vital natural resources.

To enable the future success of our Nation's loggers, my Administration is committed to conserving and restoring the health of our forests and the bounty they provide. In the years ahead, I know that we can continue to create new jobs and ensure that forest management and economic growth go hand-in-hand.

To America's loggers, I look forward to all that we can accomplish together.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Biden".