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| 20 | WHEREAS, Arkansas, The Natural State, takes great pride in our state's | | | |
| 21 | rich bounty of natural resources, and the careful stewardship of those | | | |
| 22 | precious assets is essential if future generations are to benefit from those | | | |
| 23 | resources; and | | | |
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| 25 | WHEREAS, the Arkansas | timber and forest products community, in | | |
| 26 | recognition of its stewardsh | ip responsibilities in nurturing the forest | | |
| 27 | resource, has committed itse | If to the principle of sustainable forestry by | У | |
| 28 | initiating the Sustainable F | orestry Initiative to promote, educate, train | , | |
| 29 | and monitor adherence to sustaining the forest resource for future | | | |
| 30 | generations; and | | | |
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| 32 | WHEREAS, Arkansas is b | lessed with more than eighteen million, four | | |
| 33 | hundred thousand (18, 400, 000 |) acres of renewable, constantly growing fore: | st | |
| 34 | land occupied by approximately twelve billion, two hundred million | | | |
| 35 | (12,200,000,000) living tree | s; and | | |
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WHEREAS, the timber and forest products community in our great state employs more than forty-five thousand (45,000) Arkansans with an annual payroll in excess of one billion dollars (\$1,000,000,000); and WHEREAS, forests will continue to yield a biodiversity of wildlife and plant materials, clean water, purification and cleaning of air, prevention and reduction of siltation due to runoff into streams, and measurable aesthetic values known only to each person enjoying them; and WHEREAS, the Sustainable Forestry Initiative is a self-regulatory program based on the responsible environmental stewardship of the forests, water resources, and wildlife. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARKANSAS STATE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, that the members of this body recognize and commend the Arkansas timber and forest products community for its commitment to responsible use of natural resources and the creation of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative as a means to that end. /s/ Wool dri dge