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Sarah Palin to Deliver Keynote Address at 2010 NHLA Annual Convention & Exhibit Showcase

MEMPHIS, TENN.— The National Hardwood Lumber Association is pleased to announce that Sarah Palin, Governor of Alaska (2006-2009) and 2008 Republican Vice-Presidential Nominee has accepted the invitation as Keynote Speaker and will address convention attendees during Opening Session at the 113th Annual Convention & Exhibit Showcase to be held October 13-16 in Vancouver, B.C. Canada.

Registration is now open and can be accessed at www.nhlaconvention.com.

“NHLA was originally founded in 1898 to establish a uniform system of grading rules for the measurement and inspection of hardwood lumber,” stated Mark Barford, Executive Director. “The hardwood industry has been successfully self-regulated for more than 110 years. Governor Palin supports a free enterprise system with limited government involvement and understands that industries, such as ours are a great example of America’s pioneering spirit. We are pleased and honored to welcome her as Keynote Speaker.”

Responding to previous convention feedback, NHLA has adjusted this year’s convention schedule to three full days with less conflicting events to offer attendees, exhibitors and sponsors an exceptional convention experience. As always, it is with the generous support of convention sponsors that NHLA is able to produce the premier networking and educational conference for the “global gathering of the hardwood community.”

“Every year we strive to build a speaker line-up of top newsmakers and industry leaders. Governor Palin’s participation continues this tradition and again, we are very excited and honored to welcome her to the premier hardwood industry event,” Barford added.

Additional speakers, industry panelists and education programs at the 2010 NHLA Annual Convention will be announced in the coming weeks.

For more information about the NHLA Annual Convention & Exhibit Showcase, visit www.nhlaconvention.com or call 901-399-7551.

The world’s largest and oldest hardwood industry association, NHLA represents more than 1,200 companies and individuals that produce, use and sell North American hardwood lumber, or provide equipment, supplies or services to the hardwood industry. It was founded in 1898 to establish a uniform system of grading rules for the measurement and inspection of hardwood lumber. Since 1980, its headquarters have been in Memphis, Tenn. To learn more about NHLA, please visit www.nhla.com.

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