



# The Assembly State of New York



## Proclamation

In honor of  
**Energy Efficiency Day  
2020**

- W**hereas, energy efficiency continues to be the cheapest, quickest and cleanest way to meet our energy needs and reduce utility bill costs for residential, business and industrial customers; and
- Whereas,** energy efficiency can also make our homes and workspaces healthier, safer and more comfortable; and
- Whereas,** smarter energy use reduces the amount of electricity we need to power our lives, which helps avoid power plant emissions that can harm our health, pollute our air and warm our climate; and
- Whereas,** cutting energy waste saves U.S. consumers billions of dollars on their utility bills every year, including up to \$500 per household from appliance efficiency standards alone; and
- Whereas,** implementing energy efficiency and other clean energy policies and programs can help boost economic opportunities and job creation while continuing to move us toward a sustainable future; and
- Whereas,** prior to the pandemic, more than 2.4 million Americans were working in the energy efficiency sector in local, good-paying clean energy jobs that could not be outsourced and increasing America's recovery efforts by ramping up our energy efficiency will create more sustainable jobs; and
- Whereas,** improved energy codes for homes and commercial buildings can also significantly reduce utility costs and create new jobs, and New York State supports local governments adopting the NYStretch Energy Code-2020, which increases the overall efficiency of buildings by 11% beyond the 2020 NYS Energy Code; and
- Whereas,** energy efficiency alone can help cities and states that are tackling harmful pollution achieve half their climate protection goals; and
- Whereas,** the residents of New York State can continue to contribute to our energy efficiency efforts by learning about and participating in our Assisted Home Performance with Energy Star or EMPower New York programs, and
- Whereas,** a nationwide network of energy efficiency groups and partners has designated the first Wednesday in October as the fifth national annual Energy Efficiency Day; and
- Whereas,** together, the residents of New York State can continue to contribute to our sustainability efforts by learning more about energy efficiency and practicing smarter energy use in their daily lives; now, therefore, be it
- Proclaimed,** that this legislative body pauses in its deliberations to proclaim October 7, 2020, as **Energy Efficiency Day** in New York State and urge citizens to join us in supporting our clean energy goals and moving toward more energy efficiency now and in the future.

Dated: October 7, 2020  
In Witness Whereof, I have Hereunto  
Set My Hand and Signature

**Michael J. Cusick**  
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