



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION
Energy Efficiency Day

WHEREAS, energy efficiency utilizes technology and conservation measures to reduce the amount of energy used in homes and businesses to produce the same level of output; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island's Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) Reduction Plan calls for GHG reductions of 10 percent below 1990 levels by 2020, 45 percent below 1990 levels by 2035 and 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050, and highlights energy efficiency as foundational to achieving these targets; and

WHEREAS, clean, affordable and reliable energy is vital to our economic prosperity and quality of life, and energy efficiency is the most cost-effective way to meet our energy needs in a sustainable manner; and

WHEREAS, energy efficiency measures can be implemented in a cost-effective manner to reduce consumer utility bills and greenhouse gas emissions; improve air quality; and enhance business competitiveness, building performance and comfort; and

WHEREAS, implementing clean energy policies and programs helps boost economic opportunities and job creation while continuing to move toward a sustainable future; and

WHEREAS, energy efficiency jobs represent the largest portion of Rhode Island's clean energy economy, making up 63 percent of the 16,021 clean energy jobs in Rhode Island as of 2019; and

WHEREAS, more than 2.2 million Americans work in the energy efficiency sector in local, good-paying, clean energy jobs that cannot be outsourced and increasing energy efficiency investments will create more of them; and

WHEREAS, the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy (ACEEE) currently ranks Rhode Island third in the country for its energy efficiency policies and programs; and

WHEREAS, over the past decade, Rhode Island's cost-effective energy efficiency measures have saved electric power equal to that generated by more than three 500 MW fossil fuel-based power plants; and

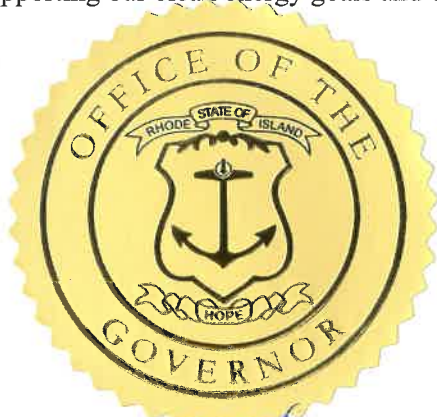
WHEREAS, over the past decade, the greenhouse gas emissions prevented by Rhode Island's natural gas efficiency programs are equal to taking 174,482 passenger vehicles off the road for one year; and

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources has partnered with six Rhode Island towns and school districts in an initiative to help them save energy and reduce their costs via the Achieving Community Efficiency Program (ACE); and

WHEREAS, a nationwide network of energy efficiency groups and partners has designated October 2nd as national annual Energy Efficiency Day; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island residents and businesses can contribute to sustainability efforts by implementing energy efficiency measures in their homes and facilities, and practicing smarter energy use in their daily lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gina M. Raimondo, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim October 2, 2019, as: **Energy Efficiency Day** in the state and encourage all citizens to join me in supporting our clean energy goals and embracing a more cost-effective, energy-efficient future.



Nellie M. Gorbea
Secretary of State

Given under my hand and the great seal of
the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations,
this 1 day of October, 2019

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor