



PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION by the City Council of the City of Bainbridge Island, Washington, declaring October 7, 2020, as Energy Efficiency Day.

WHEREAS, energy efficiency continues to be the cheapest, quickest, and cleanest way to meet our energy needs and reduce utility bills 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, 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 toward a sustainable future; and

WHEREAS, more than 2.4 million Americans were working in the energy efficiency sector prior to the pandemic in local, good-paying, clean energy jobs that couldn't be outsourced and increasing America's recovery efforts by ramping up our efficiency efforts will sustain and create more of them; and

WHEREAS, improved energy codes for homes and commercial buildings also can significantly reduce utility costs and create new jobs, and the City of Bainbridge Island supports increasing the minimum levels of efficiency for new buildings through adoption of a stricter code or the model 2021 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC); and

WHEREAS, for cities and states tackling harmful pollution, energy efficiency can get them about halfway toward their climate goals; 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 the City of Bainbridge Island 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, I, Leslie Schneider, Mayor of the City of Bainbridge Island, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim October 7, 2020, as

“ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY”

in the City of Bainbridge Island, and urge citizens to join us in supporting our clean energy goals and moving toward more energy efficiency now and in the future.

DATED this 22nd day of September, 2020.



Leslie Schneider, Mayor

