WHEREAS, energy efficiency is the cheapest, quickest, and cleanest way to meet Baltimore's energy needs, avoid dangerous pollution, and reduce utility bills for residents and businesses in our community; and

WHEREAS, implementing energy efficiency and other clean energy policies and programs can help boost economic opportunities and job creation while continuing to move Baltimore toward a sustainable future; and

WHEREAS, smarter energy use reduces the amount of electricity needed 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. households billions of dollars on their utility bills every year, up to $500 per household from appliance efficiency standards alone; and

WHEREAS, a nationwide network of energy efficiency groups and partners has designated the first Wednesday in October as national annual Energy Efficiency Day; and

WHEREAS, together we can continue to contribute to our sustainability efforts by learning more about energy efficiency and practicing smarter energy use in our daily lives.

THEREFORE, I, Brandon M. Scott, Mayor of the City of Baltimore, do hereby proclaim October 6, 2021 as "ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY" in Baltimore, and encourage Baltimore residents to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set the Great Seal of the City of Baltimore to be affixed this sixth day of October, two thousand twenty-one.