



Office of the Mayor  
City of Columbus  
Ohio

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor of the City of Columbus, Ohio has the authority to recognize occasions of outstanding significance; and

**WHEREAS**, energy efficiency is the cheapest, quickest, and cleanest way to meet the City of Columbus' 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 the City of Columbus towards a more 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**, for cities and states like ours that are trying to tackle harmful pollution, energy efficiency can get us about halfway toward our emissions reduction goals; and

**WHEREAS**, energy efficiency makes our homes and workplaces healthier, safer, and more comfortable; 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**, improved energy codes for homes and commercial buildings also can significantly reduce utility costs and create new jobs, and

**WHEREAS**, residents can continue to build on those efforts and contribute to the City's energy efficiency efforts by learning about and participating in **Sustainable Steps** and **GreenSpot Columbus**; 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;

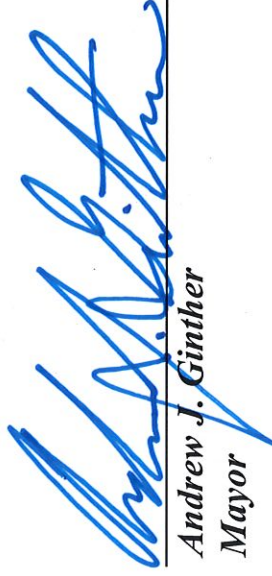
**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Andrew J. Ginther, Mayor of the City of Columbus, Ohio, do hereby proclaim the first Wednesday in October as:

## Energy Efficiency Day

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



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Mayor of the City of Columbus, Ohio, to be hereto affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021.

  
Andrew J. Ginther  
Mayor