

Proclamation

WHEREAS, energy efficiency is the cheapest, quickest, and cleanest way to meet Minneapolis 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 Minneapolis 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, 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 workspaces 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 Minneapolis 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, the residents of Minneapolis can continue to contribute to our energy efficiency efforts by learning about and participating in our Home Energy Squad program; 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 JACOB FREY, Mayor of the City of Minneapolis, do hereby proclaim October 6, 2021 as:

ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY IN THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JF", written in a cursive style.

Mayor of Minneapolis

