WHEREAS, energy efficiency is one of the cheapest, quickest, and cleanest way to meet Boise’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 Idaho and Boise 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 the City of Boise supports energy efficiency for new buildings including the adoption of up-to-date energy conservation code;

WHEREAS, the residents of Boise can continue to contribute to our energy efficiency efforts by learning about and participating in our Climate Action; 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, Lauren McLean, Mayor of Boise, do hereby proclaim October 6th, 2021, as:

ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY

in the City of Boise and I encourage our 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 City of Boise to be affixed at Boise City Hall this fifth day of October in the year two thousand and twenty-one,

[Signature]

MAYOR OF BOISE, IDAHO