

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, energy efficiency is the cheapest, quickest, and cleanest way to meet 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 Illinois 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,

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, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim the first Wednesday in October as **Energy Efficiency Day** in Illinois and urge residents 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 State of Illinois to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this TWENTY-SEVENTH *day of* SEPTEMBER, *in*
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY-TWO, *and of the State of Illinois,*
two hundred and FOURTH.



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SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR