

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## A Proclamation

Whereas, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is a national leader in expanding the adoption of energy efficiency, which is the cheapest, quickest, and cleanest way to meet the state's ambitious climate goals while reducing utility bills for residents and businesses; and

Whereas, Reliable, affordable energy is vital to our economic prosperity and energy efficiency is the most productive and cost-effective way to meet our energy needs; and

Whereas, Energy efficiency, weatherization and electrification are key strategies to achieving Massachusetts' climate and greenhouse gas reduction goals set forth in the Clean Energy and Climate Plan; and

Whereas, Massachusetts State facilities lead by example, by investing more than \$265 million in energy projects over the last 10 years across 30 million square feet of buildings, deploying weatherization, heating system upgrades, EV chargers and renewable heating and cooling technologies, resulting in a reduction of 44,000 metric tons of GHG emissions annually; and

Whereas, 280 communities making up 87% of the Commonwealth's residents, have committed to reducing their energy consumption by 20 percent through energy efficiency measures; and

Whereas, Massachusetts has delivered over 20 billion dollars in benefits to Massachusetts consumers; and

Whereas, Implementing clean energy policies and programs helps boost economic opportunities and job creation while continuing to move toward a sustainable future; and

Whereas, Energy efficiency allows Massachusetts residents and businesses to save money on their utility bills; and

Whereas, Energy efficiency should be prioritized in environmental justice communities and for low and moderate income families to reduce energy burden; and

Whereas, There are more than eighty-one thousand energy efficiency sector jobs in Massachusetts; and

Whereas, Efficient energy use reduces the amount of energy needed to power and heat our homes and businesses, which reduces greenhouse gas emissions and the negative impacts of climate change; and

Whereas, Our statewide energy efficiency programs offered by Mass Save provide funding to residents and businesses of Massachusetts so they can benefit from energy efficiency savings; and

Whereas, A nationwide network of energy efficiency groups and partners has designated October 5<sup>th</sup> as the national annual Energy Efficiency Day; and

Whereas, Together the residents and businesses of Massachusetts can continue to contribute to our sustainability efforts by learning more about energy efficiency and practicing smarter energy use in their daily lives,


Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, to be,


## ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY

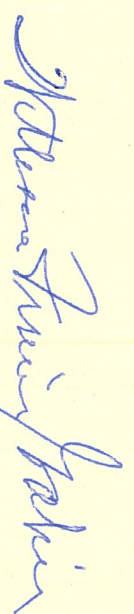
And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this fifth day of October, in the year two thousand and twenty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-sixth.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

  
CHARLES D. BAKER  
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

  
KARYN E. POLITO  
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

  
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts