



## Proclamation

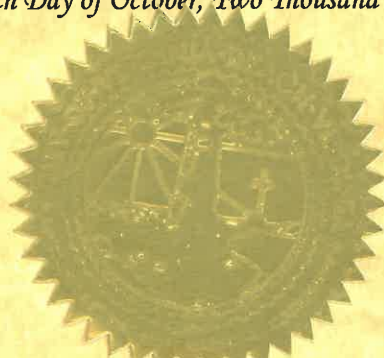
- Whereas:** Energy efficiency is the cheapest, quickest, and cleanest way to meet Virginia Beach City, VA energy needs, avoid dangerous pollution, and reduce utility bills for residents and businesses in our community; and
- Whereas:** Implementing energy efficiency and other clean energy policies and programs can help boost economic opportunities and job creation while continuing to move Virginia Beach 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 Virginia Beach 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 Virginia Beach can continue to contribute to our energy efficiency efforts by learning about and participating in our energy efficiency 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, Robert M. "Bobby" Dyer, Mayor of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, do hereby proclaim:

### **The first Wednesday in October as "ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY"**

In Virginia Beach, I call upon the 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 Official Seal of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, to be affixed this Fourth Day of October, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



Robert M. "Bobby" Dyer  
Mayor