



Proclamation

In Recognition of Energy Efficiency Day

- Whereas,** Energy efficiency is the cheapest, quickest, and cleanest way to meet the City of Brookhaven energy needs, avoid dangerous pollution, and reduce 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 the City of Brookhaven towards 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,** Cities and states like ours that are trying to tackle harmful pollution, energy efficiency can get us about halfway towards 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 cost and create new jobs, and the City of Brookhaven supports increasing the minimum levels of efficiency for new building through adoption of a stricter code or the model 2021 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC); and
- Whereas,** A nationwide network of energy efficiency groups and partners has designed 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, John A. Ernst, Mayor of the City of Brookhaven, Brookhaven and City Council Members, Linley Jones, Mayor Pro Tempore District 1, Jennifer Owens District 2, Madeleine Simmons District 3, and John Funny District 4, and on behalf of the residents do hereby join proclaim the first Wednesday in October as Energy Efficiency Day, in the City of Brookhaven, and urge citizens to join us in supporting our clean energy goals and moving towards more energy efficiency now and in the future.

PROCLAIMED, THIS 4th day of October 2023.



John Arthur Ernst, Jr., Mayor