

CITY OF

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



PITTSBURGH

A PROCLAMATION

ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY

Pittsburgh Recognizes the Importance of Energy Efficiency for Our City and Our Future

Wednesday, October Seventh, Two-Thousand & Twenty

WHEREAS, energy efficiency continues to be the cheapest, quickest, and cleanest way to meet our energy needs and reduce utility bills for residential, business, and industrial customers; and,

WHEREAS, energy efficiency can also make our homes and workspaces healthier, safer, and more comfortable; and,

WHEREAS, smarter energy use reduces the amount of electricity we need to power our lives, which helps avoid power plant emissions that can harm our health, pollute our air, and warm our climate; and,

WHEREAS, cutting energy waste saves U.S. consumers billions of dollars on their utility bills every year, up to \$500 per household from appliance efficiency standards alone; and,

WHEREAS, implementing energy efficiency and other clean energy policies and programs can help boost economic opportunities and job creation while continuing to move toward a sustainable future; and,

WHEREAS, more than 2.4 million Americans were working in the energy efficiency sector prior to the pandemic in local, good-paying, clean energy jobs that couldn't be outsourced and increasing America's recovery efforts by ramping up our efficiency efforts will sustain and create more of them; and,

WHEREAS, improved energy codes for homes and commercial buildings also can significantly reduce utility costs and create new jobs, and Pittsburgh 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, for cities and states tackling harmful pollution, energy efficiency can get them about halfway toward their climate goals; and,

WHEREAS, a nationwide network of energy efficiency groups and partners has designated the first Wednesday in October as the fifth national annual Energy Efficiency Day; and,

WHEREAS, together the residents of Pittsburgh 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 BE IT RESOLVED, that I, William Peduto, Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh do recognize and salute the energy efficiency efforts happening in homes, business and cities worldwide and urge citizens to join us in supporting our clean energy goals and moving toward more energy efficiency now and in the future.

FUTHERMORE, declaring, *Wednesday, October Seventh, Two-Thousand & Twenty* as "Energy Efficiency Day" here in our most livable City of Pittsburgh.



Given under my hand and the **Great Seal of the City of Pittsburgh** at the City-County Building.

A blue ink signature of William M. Peduto.

WILLIAM M. PEDUTO
Mayor of Pittsburgh