

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

October 6, 2021

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, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, more than 2.4 million Americans were working in well-paying clean energy jobs that could not be outsourced, and America can boost its recovery by ramping up energy efficiency efforts and creating more of these high-quality jobs; and,

*WHEREAS, in alignment with our ambitious **Climate Action Plan**, the **City of Pittsburgh** is committed to improving the energy efficiency of our municipal facilities, parks, and streetlights through our **Net Zero Ordinance** and first-of-its-kind **Dark Sky Lighting Ordinance**, and we are dedicated to providing resources to homeowners, institutions, and developers to bolster the energy efficiency of their buildings; and*

*WHEREAS, the **City of Pittsburgh** is joining a nationwide network of organizations, companies, governments, and other partners to designate the first Wednesday in October as the sixth annual **Energy Efficiency Day**; and,*

*WHEREAS, the **City of Pittsburgh** encourages residents, organizations, and others to contribute to climate action 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, businesses, organizations, and governments worldwide and urge residents to join Pittsburgh in combating climate change and moving toward energy efficiency now and in the future.

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



A blue ink signature of William M. Peduto.

WILLIAM M. PEDUTO
Mayor of Pittsburgh