

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Shrewsbury

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Energy efficiency is the cheapest, quickest, and cleanest way to meet Shrewsbury's energy needs, avoid dangerous pollution, and reduce utility bills for residents and businesses in our community. Implementing energy efficiency and other clean energy policies and programs can help boost economic opportunities and job creation while continuing to move Shrewsbury toward a sustainable future. 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 towns, cities and states like ours that are trying to tackle harmful pollution, energy efficiency can get us about halfway toward our emissions reduction goals. Energy efficiency makes our homes and workspaces healthier, safer, and more comfortable. 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 Shrewsbury 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 Shrewsbury can continue to contribute to our energy efficiency efforts by learning about and participating in our programs on NextZero.Org/SELCO. A nationwide network of energy efficiency groups and partners has designated the first Wednesday in October as national Energy Efficiency Day. 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.

RESOLVED: We, the Select Board, do hereby proclaim *the first Wednesday in October, October 4, 2023* as "ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY" in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts and urge citizens to join us in supporting our clean energy goals and moving toward more energy efficiency now and in the future. Together the citizens of the Town of Shrewsbury can continue to contribute to our sustainability efforts by learning more about energy efficiency and practicing smarter energy use in their daily lives; In testimony thereof, we have signed our names officially and caused the seal of the Town of Shrewsbury to be affixed this twelfth day of September in the year of two thousand twenty-three.



Attest:

Kathleen C. Thompson
Assistant Town Clerk

Dated: September 12, 2023

Beth Casavant
Ther Hyl
[Signature]
[Signature]
Caleb Izzi