City of Boynton Beach

Proclamation

WHEREAS, energy efficiency is one of the cheapest, quickest, and cleanest ways 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 annually, up to \$500 per household from appliance efficiency standards alone; 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 the City of Boynton 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, 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, residents of Boynton Beach can contribute to sustainability by learning about energy efficiency, practicing smarter energy use in their daily lives, and participating in the City's Energy Edge Rebate Program; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Steven B. Grant, Mayor of the City of Boynton Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim the 7th day of October Two Thousand Twenty as:

ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Boynton Beach, Florida, to be affixed at Boynton Beach, Florida, the 6th day of October, Two Thousand Twenty.

Steven B. Grant, Mayor

ATTEST:

Crystal Gibson, MMC

City Clerk