

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI



## A PROCLAMATION OF THE CENTRAL DISTRICT MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER BRENT BAILEY TO PROCLAIM THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF OCTOBER AS ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY

**WHEREAS**, energy efficiency continues to be the cheapest, quickest, and cleanest way to meet Mississippi's energy needs, avoid emissions, and reduce utility bills for residents and businesses in our community; and

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

**WHEREAS**, smarter energy use reduces the amount of electricity needed to power our lives, which helps delay or avoid construction of new capital intensive power plants; 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**, the Mississippi Public Service Commission directed the adoption of requirements for energy efficiency programs for regulated electric and natural gas utilities in Mississippi that will help residential, commercial and industrial consumers reduce their energy bills while still maintaining well-being, security and productivity; and

**WHEREAS**, improved energy focused building codes for homes and commercial buildings also can significantly reduce utility costs and create new jobs, and the Mississippi Public Service Commission Central District supports increasing the minimum levels of efficiency for new buildings through adoption of the model 2021 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) or other standard that improves a building's energy performance; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the residents of Mississippi can continue to contribute to our energy efficiency efforts by learning more about practicing smarter energy use in their daily lives and participating in Energy Efficiency Day;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, as the Central District Commissioner of the Mississippi Public Service Commission do hereby proclaim the first Wednesday in October as

**"ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY"**

and urge citizens to join us in supporting our affordable energy goals and moving toward greater energy efficiency now and in the future.

DONE at the Mississippi Public Service Commission on this 5 day of October 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Brent Bailey'.

**Brent Bailey**  
Commissioner