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 has the potential to save 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 work in the energy efficiency sector in local, good-paying, clean energy jobs, improving America's pandemic recovery efforts by ramping up our efficiency efforts to sustain and create more such jobs; and

WHEREAS, improved energy codes for homes and commercial buildings also can significantly reduce utility costs and create new jobs, and the Unified Government has adopted the IECC-International Energy Conservation Code provisions; 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 Kansas City, Kansas 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, I, David Alvey, Mayor/CEO of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, do hereby proclaim October 7, 2020 as:

“ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY”

in Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas.

DAVID ALVEY, MAYOR/CEO