



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION

ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY

October 6, 2021

WHEREAS, energy efficiency is the cheapest, quickest, and cleanest way to meet our energy needs and reduce utility bills for residential, business, and industrial customers; and

WHEREAS, Act 129 of 2008 directed the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to adopt an energy efficiency and conservation program to guide consumers and electric utilities toward the goal of reduced energy consumption and peak electric demand. As a result of this program, the commonwealth has saved more than 8.8 million megawatt hours of electricity usage since 2009, resulting in \$6.4 billion in savings to Pennsylvania electric customers; and

WHEREAS, implementing energy efficiency and other clean energy policies and programs helps boost economic opportunities and job creation while continuing to move toward a sustainable future. In 2018, more than 68,000 people were employed in the energy efficiency sector in Pennsylvania; 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, for cities and states tackling harmful pollution, energy efficiency can be a vital component of achieving their climate goals; and

WHEREAS, in January of 2019 I signed Executive Order 2019-01, which set an ambitious goal for the commonwealth of reducing greenhouse gas emissions twenty-six percent statewide by 2025 and eighty percent by 2050 compared to 2005 levels and established the Green Government Council in order to encourage the incorporation of environmentally sustainable practices into state government operations; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvanians seeking to improve their own home's energy efficiency should seek out the Public Utility Commission's Energy Assistance Programs, the Department of Community and Economic Development's Weatherization Assistance Program, and the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency's Homeowners Energy Efficiency Loan Program in addition to federal rebates for ENERGY STAR production and tax credits for consumer renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, together, Pennsylvanians can continue to contribute to our sustainability efforts by learning more about energy efficiency and practicing smarter energy use in their daily lives.

THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim October 6, 2021, as ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY and encourage all Pennsylvanians to join us in supporting our clean energy goals and moving toward improved energy efficiency.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this twenty-eighth day of September two thousand twenty-one, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-sixth.

Tom Wolf
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Governor