PROCLAMATION OF ENERGY EFFIICENCY DAY

WHEREAS, energy efficiency is the cheapest, quickest, and cleanest way to meet DuPage County's energy needs, avoid dangerous pollution, and reduce utility bills for residents and businesses in our community; and

WHEREAS, implementing energy efficiency and other clean energy policies and programs can help boost economic opportunities and job creation, while continuing to move DuPage County toward a sustainable future; and

WHEREAS, 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 cities and states like ours that are trying to tackle harmful pollution, energy efficiency can get us about halfway toward our emissions reduction goals; 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 and up to \$500 per household from appliance efficiency standards alone; and

WHEREAS, the residents of DuPage County can continue to contribute to our energy efficiency efforts by learning about and participating in Cool DuPage; 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, 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Daniel J. Cronin, Chairman of the DuPage County Board, do hereby proclaim the first Wednesday in October as "ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY" in DuPage County, and urge citizens to join us in supporting our clean energy goals and moving toward more energy efficiency now and in the future.

Passed this 30th day of September, 2022 in Wheaton, Illinois.

Daniel J. Cronin, Chairman DuPage County Board