

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS energy efficiency is the cheapest, quickest, and cleanest way to meet Milwaukie's and Oregon'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 Milwaukie toward a completely sustainable future; and

WHEREAS smarter energy use reduces the amount of electricity and fuels 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 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 improved energy codes for homes and commercial buildings can also significantly reduce utility costs and create new jobs, and Milwaukie supports increasing the minimum levels of efficiency for new buildings through adoption of the REACH code or the model 2021 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC); and

WHEREAS the residents of Milwaukie have access to, and can benefit from, participation in the residential energy efficiency program offered by Energy Trust of Oregon; and

WHEREAS from 2002 to 2019 over 7,000 residents and 789 businesses have together saved 417 million kilowatt-hours; and

WHEREAS saving said electricity through efficiency also saved Milwaukie residents, schools, and businesses over 34 million dollars on their utility bills and helped those utilities to avoid emitting 25,000 tons of carbon dioxide; and

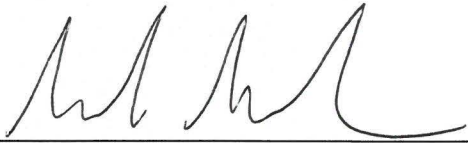
WHEREAS the City of Milwaukie is currently engaged in the Energy Trust Strategic Energy Management offering, which identifies and implements low and no-cost behavioral and operational opportunities to acquire additional energy savings in city facilities, including at the Ledding Library, City Hall, and the Public Safety Building; 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 the city's sustainability efforts by learning more about energy efficiency and practicing smarter energy use in our daily lives.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Mark Gamba, Mayor of the City of Milwaukie, a municipal corporation in the County of Clackamas, in the State of Oregon, do hereby proclaim October 6, 2021, to be "ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY" in Milwaukie and do hereby urge all community members to join the city in supporting our shared clean energy goals to better move toward more energy efficiency now and in the future.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, and with the consent of the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, I have hereunto set my hand on this 5th day of October 2021.



Mark Gamba, Mayor

ATTEST:



Scott Stauffer, City Recorder

