

# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, energy efficiency is the cheapest, quickest, and cleanest way to meet the energy needs of the City of Columbia, Missouri, avoid dangerous pollution, and reduce utility bills for residents and businesses within the 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 the City of Columbia toward a sustainable future; and

WHEREAS, smarter energy use reduces the amount of electricity needed to power our lives, which helps to avoid power plant emissions that can harm our health, pollute our air, and warm our climate; and

WHEREAS, for cities like ours that are trying to tackle harmful pollution, energy efficiency can significantly help to achieve our emissions reduction goals; and

WHEREAS, energy efficiency makes our homes and workspaces healthier, safer, and more comfortable, and 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 also can significantly reduce utility costs and create new jobs, and the City of Columbia has consistently increased the minimum levels of efficiency for new buildings through the adoption of stricter codes; and

WHEREAS, businesses and residents of the City of Columbia can continue to contribute to energy efficiency efforts by learning about and participating in the various programs and incentives the utility provides such as free energy assessments and audits, home performance rebates and loans, commercial energy efficiency loans, and lighting, air conditioner, and heat pump incentives; 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 sustainability efforts by learning more about energy efficient and practicing smarter energy use in our daily lives; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barbara Buffaloe, Mayor of the City of Columbia, Missouri do hereby proclaim Wednesday, October 4, 2023 as

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY

in the City of Columbia, Missouri, and urge residents and businesses to join us in supporting clean energy goals and moving toward more energy efficiency now and in the future.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed hereto the seal of the City of Columbia, this 4th day of October, 2023.



Barbara Buffaloe, Mayor



ATTEST:



Sheela Amin, City Clerk