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PROCLAMATION

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 influence our climate; and

WHEREAS, cutting energy waste saves 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 more sustainable future; and

WHEREAS, more than 2.4 million Americans were working in the energy efficiency sector prior to the pandemic in local, good-paying, clean energy jobs that couldn't be outsourced and increasing America's recovery efforts by ramping up our efficiency efforts will sustain and create more of them; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Public Service Commission adopted requirements for energy efficiency programs for regulated electric and gas utilities in Mississippi that will help residential, commercial and industrial consumers reduce their energy usage and their energy bills while still maintaining well-being, security and productivity; and

WHEREAS, improved energy codes for homes and commercial buildings also can significantly reduce utility costs, increase indoor comfort and create new jobs, and the Mississippi Public Service Commission supports increasing the levels of efficiency for new residential and commercial buildings through adoption of the most recent International Energy Conservation Code (IECC); and

WHEREAS, for cities and states tackling harmful pollution, energy efficiency can make a significant impact to get them toward their emission reduction 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

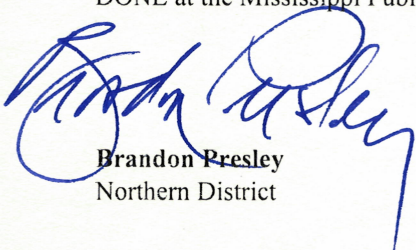
WHEREAS, the residents of Mississippi can continue to contribute to our energy efficiency and sustainability efforts by learning more about practicing smarter energy use in their daily lives and participating in Energy Efficiency Day;

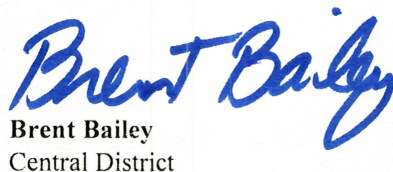
NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Commissioners of the Mississippi Public Service Commission do hereby proclaim October 7, 2020, as

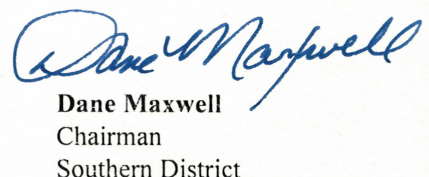
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in the State of Mississippi, and urge citizens to join us in supporting our clean energy goals and moving toward more energy efficiency now and in the future.

DONE at the Mississippi Public Service Commission on this 22 day of September 2020.


Brandon Presley
Northern District


Brent Bailey
Central District


Dane Maxwell
Chairman
Southern District