

Proclamation

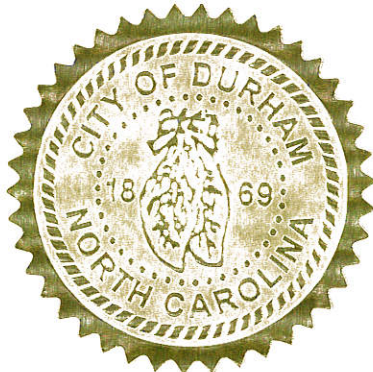
- WHEREAS,** energy efficiency is the cheapest, quickest, and cleanest way to meet Durham’s energy needs, avoid dangerous pollution, and reduce utility bills for residents and businesses in our community; and
- WHEREAS,** implementing energy efficiency and other clean energy policies and programs can help boost economic opportunities and job creation while continuing to move Durham 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 reductions 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, 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 Durham supports increasing the minimum levels of efficiency for new buildings through adoption of a stricter code or the model 2021 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC); 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, I, Elaine M. O’Neal, Mayor of the City of Durham, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 4, 2023, as

“ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY”

in Durham, and hereby urge residents to join us in supporting our clean energy goals and moving more energy efficiency now and in the future.

Witness my hand, this the 2nd day of October 2023.



Elaine M. O’Neal
Mayor