

Proclamation Designating October 7, 2020 Energy Efficiency Day

Whereas, energy efficiency is 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 pollute our Great Lakes; and

Whereas, cutting energy waste saves U.S. consumers billions of dollars on their utility bills annually, an average of \$321 per household from appliance efficiency standards alone; and

Whereas, implementing energy efficiency and other clean energy policies and programs helps boost economic opportunities and job creation while continuing to move toward a sustainable future; and

Whereas, 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 residents of Royal Oak can continue to contribute to our energy efficiency efforts by learning about and participating in energy efficiency programs; and

Whereas, a nationwide network of energy efficiency groups and partners has designated the first Wednesday in October as the national annual Energy Efficiency Day; and

Whereas, together the residents of Royal Oak can continue to contribute to our sustainability efforts by learning more about energy efficiency and practicing smarter energy use in their daily lives;

Now therefore, be it resolved I, Mayor Michael Fournier and the members of the Royal Oak City Commission do hereby proclaim October 7, 2020, as Energy Efficiency Day in Royal Oak, and encourage all citizens to join us in supporting our clean energy goals and moving toward more energy efficiency now and in the future.

Michael Fournier, Mayo

Sharlan Douglas, Qommissioner

Kyle DuBuc, Commissione

Randy Levasseur, Commissioner

Patricia Paruch, Mayor Pro Tem