



State of Rhode Island
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Energy Efficiency Day

WHEREAS, energy efficiency utilizes technology and conservation to reduce the amount of energy needed by homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS, implementing cost-effective energy efficiency drives down electric supply, distribution, transmission, and capacity costs for all Rhode Islanders; and

WHEREAS, energy efficiency is the most cost-effective way to sustainably meet our energy needs, which in turn support our economy and increases our quality of life; and

WHEREAS, energy efficiency reduces pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, thereby improving public and building occupant health; and

WHEREAS, energy efficiency is crucial to achieving the goals set forth in the Act on Climate, which call for a 45% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions below 1990 levels by 2030, an 80% reduction by 2040 and net-zero emissions by 2050, and;

WHEREAS, the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy ranked Rhode Island's energy efficiency programs and policies fourth nationally; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island's energy efficiency measures have saved electric power equal to that generated by approximately five 500 MW fossil fuel-based power plants; and

WHEREAS, since 2008, Rhode Island's efficiency programs reduced greenhouse gas emissions equal to taking 346,789 passenger vehicles off the road for one year; and

WHEREAS, a nationwide network of energy efficiency groups and partners has designated October 6th as national annual Energy Efficiency Day; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island residents and businesses can contribute to sustainability efforts by implementing energy efficiency measures in their homes and facilities, and practicing smarter energy use in their daily lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Daniel J. McKee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim October 6, 2021, as: *Energy Efficiency Day* in the state and encourage all citizens to join me in supporting our clean energy goals and embracing a more cost-effective, energy-efficient future.

Given under my hand and the great seal of
the State of Rhode Island, this 14th day of
September, 2021.

Daniel J. McKee
Governor

