Proclamation

WHEREAS, energy efficiency is the cheapest, quickest, and cleanest way to meet Washington state'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 Washington 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, 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 Washington supports increasing the minimum levels of efficiency for new buildings through adoption of a stricter code; 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, Jay Inslee do hereby proclaim October 4, 2023, as

Energy Efficiency Day

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 12th day of September, 2023

Governor Jay Inslee