

**PROCLAMATION**

**RECOGNIZING THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF OCTOBER AS ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY**

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 in our community; and

WHEREAS, energy efficiency can also make our homes and workspaces healthier, safer, and more comfortable; 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 sustainable future; and

WHEREAS, Elected Officials and staff have worked together to innovate Will County's approach to energy efficiency and renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, the County has continued to focus on reducing its energy usage as part of the U.S. Department of Energy's Better Buildings Challenge since 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Will County 2021 Energy & Conservation Plan Update renews the County's commitment to implementing energy efficiency measures in its buildings and supporting residents and businesses in their own energy efficiency pursuits; 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, the residents of Will County 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, that the Will County Board and Will County Executive hereby proclaim the first Wednesday of October, 2021 as Energy Efficiency Day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Will County Board and the Will County Executive urge citizens, agencies, and other organizations to recommit to strengthening our energy security and to using our energy resources responsibly to continue on a path toward energy independence.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.

  
JENNIFER BERTINO-TARRANT  
WILL COUNTY EXECUTIVE

ATTEST:  
  
LAUREN STALEY FERRY  
WILL COUNTY CLERK