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Dear Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions:

I am writing to recognize National Clean Energy Week, which will take place September 25-29, 2017. Clean and readily abundant forms of energy are powering more homes and businesses in Maine than ever before.


The generation of power from renewable sources, including such forms as hydro, geothermal, wind and solar as well as natural gas and new technologies including carbon capture and energy storage, plays an important role in meeting the needs of our homes and businesses.

Maine continues to be a leader in renewable energy production in New England.

- Our electric generation is nearly 70 percent renewable, with approximately 29 percent from hydro, 27 percent from biomass and 11 percent from wind.
- We currently produce nearly half of the renewable generation produced in New England, but use only about 10 percent of the electricity consumed in New England.
- We are tied with Idaho as the sixth-lowest carbon-dioxide emission state in the United States.

I encourage our citizens to learn about the commonsense solutions that can support our state's and nation's energy needs long into the future. American energy leadership is critical to finding long-term solutions and assures low-cost, reliable and clean energy.

Sincerely,


Paul R. LePage
Governor



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