

2017 National Clean Energy Week

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WHEREAS, across Virginia, clean and renewable energy is powering more homes and businesses than ever before; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, there were only 17 megawatts of solar installed in the Commonwealth, and today, Virginia has more than 2,600 megawatts installed or under development; and

WHEREAS, clean energy is part of Virginia's energy future, which includes generation from renewable sources, such as wind, solar, hydro, and geothermal sources; and

WHEREAS, Virginia's energy future also includes energy efficiency and energy storage technologies; and

WHEREAS, the clean energy sector is a growing part of the economy and has been a key driver of economic growth in Virginia in recent years; and

WHEREAS, jobs in the solar industry in Virginia grew by 65 percent last year, and the energy efficiency industry now employs over 75,000 Virginians; and

WHEREAS, clean energy jobs cannot be outsourced due to the on-site nature of construction, installation, and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, clean energy jobs are inherently local and contribute to the growth of local economies; and

WHEREAS, from 2014 to 2016, revenue from the energy efficiency industry has increased four-fold from \$300 million to \$1.2 billion; and

WHEREAS, individuals and organizations in Virginia should support solutions that address America's economic and energy needs in the 21st century, and implement the cleanest energy technologies available; and

WHEREAS, Virginia's entrepreneurs and small businesses must come together with government collaboration to assert American energy leadership and ensure low-cost reliable energy at home;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize September 25-29, 2017, as **NATIONAL CLEAN ENERGY WEEK** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.