THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

******** Session of 2018

INTRODUCED BY

A RESOLUTION

Proclaiming September 24-28, 2018, as "Pennsylvania Clean Energy Week."

WHEREAS, Across this Commonwealth, clean and readily abundant forms of energy are powering more homes and businesses than ever before; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is committed to clean and renewable energy that benefits our economy and environment; and

WHEREAS, Clean and renewable energy is part of America's energy future and includes generation from multiple renewable resources; and

WHEREAS, The clean and renewable energy sector is a growing part of this Commonwealth's economy, growing at a current rate of more than 2% annually, and has been a key driver of economic growth in Pennsylvania in recent years, with the number of jobs in the clean and renewable energy sector in Pennsylvania now standing at 86,285; and

WHEREAS, The production costs of clean and renewable energy are now the lowest in United States history, averaging \$45 per

megawatt hour (MWh), and are steadily declining as clean and renewable technologies continue to improve; and

WHEREAS, These trends, emerging through a broad base of project developers and investors, especially the Pennsylvania banking sector, are making clean and renewable energy projects more accessible than ever before to Pennsylvania farms, communities and local governments; and

WHEREAS, With the recent passage of Act 30 of 2018, the Commonwealth's bi-partisan Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) legislation, Pennsylvania's county governments are now positioned to support low-interest financing for small businesses and others in the commercial sector who wish to invest in clean and renewable energy to create jobs and grow the economy of this Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Defense and its partners in the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs have, through their efficiency and clean energy generation efforts at the Fort Indiantown Gap Warrior Training Grounds, set a new standard for National Guard and Reserve installations across the country and are continuing to promote national security through the domestic development of clean and renewable energy and consequent reductions on imported energy from regimes hostile to the United States; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania do proclaim September 24-28, 2018 as "Pennsylvania Clean Energy Week".