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State of Montana

Steve Bullock Governor



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Dear Friends:

I am pleased to recognize September 23 through 27, 2019 as "National Clean Energy Week".

My administration is fully committed to developing Montana's renewable energy resources. I believe Montanans should determine our energy future by finding balanced and responsible solutions that provide good-paying jobs, supports rural communities, and strengthens our schools while safeguarding our quality of life and combatting the threat that climate change represents to folks across our state. With the help and input of Montanans from all walks of life, I believe we can continue to build on previous accomplishments and drive economic growth by sparking a new generation of clean technology businesses.

I am dedicated to combating climate change by growing the clean energy economy through policy changes and technological innovation. I recently established the Montana Climate Solutions Council to collaborate and provide solutions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, prepare our state for climate impacts, and address the needs of local communities through clean energy development and workforce training. Montana also joined the U.S. Climate Alliance.

Montana is working with utility companies, wind and solar energy developers, energy efficiency advocates, small businesses, industry workers, and communities all across the state to protect our future while continuing to grow our economy. I commend the efforts of all Montanans working to achieve a cleaner energy future.

There's a lot at stake, but done right, we can drive economic growth and continue creating goodpaying jobs all across Montana. We can improve our traditional base of energy while sparking a new generation of clean technology business, moving us towards a renewable energy future. We will pass on a Montana to future generations that is still the envy of the nation for our quality of life and economic stability.

I encourage all Montanans to acknowledge National Clean Energy Week September 23 through 27, 2019.

Sincerely,

STEVE BULLOCK Governor