



Proclamation

WHEREAS, across Colorado, clean and readily abundant forms of energy are powering more homes and businesses than ever before; and

WHEREAS, clean energy is part of America's energy future and a key component of the Polis Administrations long-term goal to achieve 100% renewable energy by 2040; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's is now among the top 10 states for jobs in three sectors: 3rd in wind energy, 9th in bioenergy, and 6th in overall renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's electricity from renewable sources has more than doubled since 2010 to 25% of net generation in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the clean energy sector is a growing part of the economy and has been a key driver of economic growth in Colorado in recent years, with nearly 60,000 clean energy jobs in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, renewable energy generation in the Eastern Plains of Colorado is a significant economic driver and jobs creator providing \$9.4 billion in investment and construction activity, \$23.1 million in local taxes, \$15.2 million in annual lease payments to farmers and ranchers; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is home to National Renewable Energy Laboratory, the only federal laboratory dedicated to research, development, commercialization, and deployment of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 the Colorado General Assembly passed a bill to create the Just Transition Office which is tasked with helping communities transition from non-renewables through workforce retraining programs and job placements;

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim the period of time between September 21 through September 25, 2020, as

CLEAN ENERGY WEEK

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this twenty-first day of September, 2020



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jared Polis".

Jared Polis
Governor