

STATE OF DELAWARE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR



**PROCLAMATION  
IN OBSERVANCE OF  
CLEAN ENERGY WEEK**

**Whereas**, Delaware has embraced clean energy innovation through the development of renewable energy and energy efficiency policies and programs; and

**Whereas**, clean energy technologies and clean energy jobs will be critical to getting our economy back on track and ready for an emissions-free future; and

**Whereas**, as the state with the lowest average elevation above sea level in the United States, Delaware is particularly vulnerable to the risks posed by climate change; and

**Whereas**, as a member of the U.S. Climate Alliance, Delaware has committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 26 to 28% below 2005 levels; and

**Whereas**, Delaware is developing a detailed and comprehensive Climate Action Plan; and

**Whereas**, increasing the adoption of clean energy technologies is essential to effective action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

**Whereas**, Delaware is committed to promoting energy efficiency for homes, businesses and public institutions through the work of the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, the Division of Climate, Coastal and Energy and the Delaware Sustainable Energy Utility; and

**Whereas**, Delaware continues to implement its Renewable Portfolio Standards that require that 25% of electricity retail sales in the state be generated from renewable energy sources, with at least 3.5% from solar energy, by 2025; and

**Whereas**, as Governor, I have proposed that Delaware's Renewable Portfolio Standards be increased to 40%, with 7% solar energy, by 2035; and

**Whereas**, Delaware is now home to 6,000 solar energy installations, ranging from residential rooftop to utility scale, totaling 129 megawatts of capacity; and

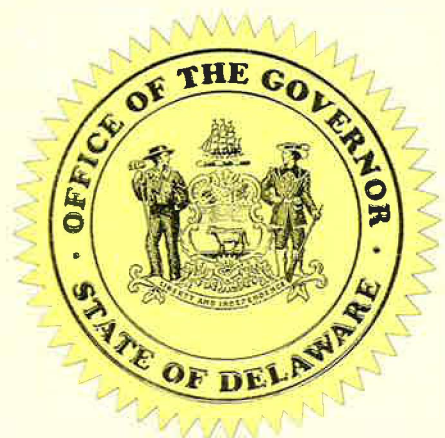
**Whereas**, nearly 500 Delawareans are productively employed in the work of designing, installing, and maintaining solar energy systems; and

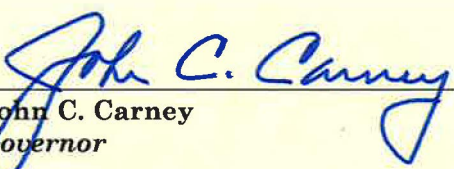
**Whereas**, Delawareans increasingly favor the development of clean and affordable renewable energy and energy efficiency for all; and

**Whereas**, local governments, businesses and environmental advocates are joining to promote the many benefits of clean energy;

**Now, Therefore, We, John Carney, Governor,  
and Bethany Hall-Long, Lieutenant Governor,  
do hereby declare September 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020, as**

**CLEAN ENERGY WEEK**



  
John C. Carney  
Governor

  
Bethany A. Hall-Long  
Lieutenant Governor