



# CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

*By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:*

## **NATIONAL CLEAN ENERGY WEEK**

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

**WHEREAS**, Virginia has more than 913.17 megawatts installed, and over 10.4 gigawatts of solar energy currently under development in the Commonwealth; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Virginia's energy future also includes significant investments in 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**, the solar industry now supports over 12,000 jobs and the energy efficiency industry now supports over 75,000 jobs in Virginia; 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 2013 to 2017, revenue in the Commonwealth from the energy efficiency sector has increased five times from \$300 million to \$1.5 billion; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals and organizations in Virginia should support solutions that address America's economic and energy needs in the 21<sup>st</sup> 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, Ralph S. Northam, do hereby recognize September 21-25, 2020, as **NATIONAL CLEAN ENERGY WEEK** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



  
Governor

  
Secretary of the Commonwealth