

**EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

WHEREAS, the State of South Dakota supports an all-inclusive energy portfolio because affordable energy is the backbone of a strong economy; and

WHEREAS, clean energy is part of America's energy future and includes generation from renewable sources such as hydro, solar, wind, and geothermal, but it also includes natural gas and carbon capture technologies as well as energy storage; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota ranked fourth in the nation in ethanol production capacity in 2020; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, 83 percent of utility-scale electricity generated in South Dakota came from renewable sources. 50 percent came from hydroelectric power and 33 percent from wind energy; and

WHEREAS, in South Dakota, wind power has contributed over \$2.2 billion in capital investment for the construction and maintenance of wind projects now in operation, which supports over 2,000 good-paying jobs; and

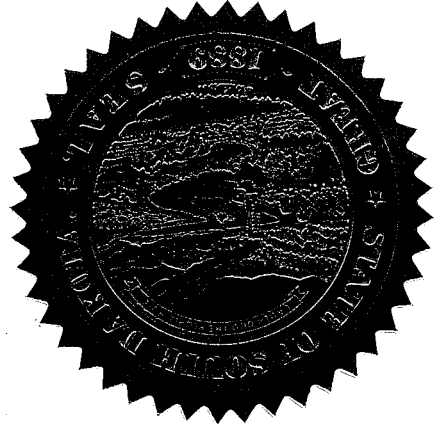
WHEREAS, we must harness the power of South Dakota's entrepreneurs and small businesses and promote government collaboration to ensure South Dakota and the United States continue to lead with energy in the global marketplace and provide low-cost, reliable energy here at home.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KRISTI NOEM, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 20 - 24, 2021, as

NATIONAL CLEAN ENERGY WEEK

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this third day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



ATTEST:

Governor of South Dakota

Kristi Noem

Secretary of State

Steven J. Barnett