

# Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



## Governor's Office

### PROCLAMATION

#### CLEAN ENERGY WEEK

September 20-24, 2021

*WHEREAS, Pennsylvania seeks to be a leader in development of clean energy resources, which decrease air pollution, support good paying jobs, protect the health of residents, and reduce Pennsylvania's carbon footprint; and*

*WHEREAS, clean energy resources are critical to improving air quality in Pennsylvania, protecting the health of residents, and helping to reduce Pennsylvania's carbon footprint and address climate change—the most important environmental threat confronting the world. Pennsylvania's clean energy portfolio includes electricity generated from renewable sources such as wind, solar, and hydroelectric, as well as nuclear, energy conservation and energy efficiency, and energy storage; and*

*WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has a robust clean energy sector that provides tens of thousands of good paying jobs in clean technology and energy efficiency businesses across the state. Pennsylvania's 2021 Clean Energy Employment report indicated that there were over 90,000 workers employed in clean energy at the end of 2020, and clean energy jobs continue to increase; and*

*WHEREAS, Pennsylvania requires that 18 percent of all electricity sold in the state come from alternative sources, including at least 0.5 percent solar photovoltaic power; and*

*WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has more than 700 megawatts of solar power generation installed at nearly 38,000 homes, farms, and businesses; 1,420 megawatts of wind power generation installed on 25 wind farms; more than 890 megawatts of conventional hydropower and 1,540 megawatts of pumped storage hydropower capacity; and more than 9,000 megawatts of generation capacity from four nuclear power plants, ranking second in the nation in electricity generation from nuclear power in 2019; and*

*WHEREAS, Pennsylvania, through its flagship energy efficiency law, Act 129, has saved over 127.6 million megawatt hours of electricity usage since 2009 resulting in \$5 billion in benefits to Pennsylvania electric customers while employing over 65,000 people in the field; and*

*WHEREAS, the commonwealth has taken numerous steps in recent years to demonstrate and encourage energy conservation, sustainability, and the usage of renewable energy including passing new legislation to grow Pennsylvania's solar industry, promote energy efficiency through utility ratemaking, and allow innovative project financing through Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy investments. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania purchases at least forty percent of all electricity consumed in state-owned facilities from clean and renewable energy sources, ranking us as the top state for renewable energy purchases in 2020; and*

*WHEREAS a cleaner, more resilient, more diverse clean energy grid benefits all Pennsylvania residents by protecting public health and ensuring the availability of low-cost, reliable energy.*

*THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim September 20-24, 2021 as CLEAN ENERGY WEEK in Pennsylvania and encourage all Pennsylvanians to support clean, lowest-emitting energy technologies.*



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the city of Harrisburg, on this seventeenth day of August two thousand twenty-one, and of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-sixth.

*Tom Wolf*  
TOM WOLF  
Governor