

WHEREAS, Maine is committed to a clean energy future and enjoys abundant forms of renewable energy that powers homes and businesses across the State; and

WHEREAS, the generation of power from renewable sources, including forms such as hydro, wood, wind, and solar, plays an important role in meeting the needs of our homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS, Maine leads New England in wind-powered generation and has a goal of 100 percent renewable energy by 2050; and

WHEREAS, the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy ranked Maine 16th in its 2020 State Energy Efficiency Scorecard; and

WHEREAS, Maine supports the strategic electrification of heating and transportation, establishing the goal of installing 100,000 new heat pumps by 2025, as well as leading initiatives to expand availability of electric vehicles and charging infrastructure; and

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

WHEREAS, the clean energy sector is an expanding part of the economy and has been a key driver of growth in Maine over the last decade, with over 11,900 Mainers currently employed in the clean energy sector, growing local economies and boosting the state's workforce and economic development;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim September 20th through September 25th, 2021 as

NATIONAL CLEAN ENERGY WEEK

throughout the State of Maine, and I urge all citizens to recognize this observance.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this eighth day of September Two Thousand Twenty-One

> Janet T. Mills Governor

Shenna Bellows Secretary of State