



State of Rhode Island
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION
Clean Energy Week In Rhode Island

WHEREAS, across the State of Rhode Island, clean and affordable forms of energy are powering more homes and businesses than ever before, reducing carbon footprints and creating new jobs and investment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the State of Rhode Island is on the front lines of global climate change, and is taking bold actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for climate change impacts, while unlocking new economic opportunities and improving the environmental and public health of our citizens and communities; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island is the home to the nation's first offshore wind farm, establishing a new industry in Southern New England; and

WHEREAS, the State of Rhode Island is a national energy efficiency leader and innovator, investing in cost-effective, carbon-free measures that reduce energy burdens, save consumers money, spur economic growth opportunities and provide other environmental and health benefits; and

WHEREAS, the clean energy sector is a significant part of the state's economy and has been a key driver of economic growth in recent years. Since 2018, clean energy in the Ocean State has grown over 3.4 percent and totals nearly 14,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, these jobs cannot be outsourced due to the on-site nature of construction, installation and maintenance, as clean energy jobs are inherently local and contribute to the growth of local economies; and

WHEREAS, clean energy is a critical part of our economic, energy and environmental future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Daniel J. McKee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim September 26-30 to be ***Rhode Island Clean Energy Week*** in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all state resident's businesses, organizations and public-sector entities to support commonsense clean energy solutions that address America's economic, energy and environmental needs in the 21st Century.



Given under my hand and the seal of the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, this 26th day of September, 2022.

Daniel J. McKee
Governor

Nellie M. Gorbea
Secretary of State