

Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska



PROCLAMATION

National Clean Energy Week

WHEREAS, across Alaska, clean, renewable and readily abundant forms of energy are powering more homes and businesses than ever before; 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 communities and lowering energy costs; and

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

WHEREAS, new renewable energy investments serve to increase access to affordable, local energy resources that keep energy dollars circulating in local economies, and create new jobs and businesses; and

WHEREAS, home to roughly 40 percent of the state's population, the Municipality of Anchorage plays a key role in bringing innovative clean energy investments to Alaskan residents, including the deployment of Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy, C-PACE, funding; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality last month closed its first C-PACE loan for energy efficiency upgrades, representing the successful public-private partnership that will continue to help infrastructure across Anchorage realize renewable energy projects and energy efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's clean energy jobs contribute to local economies and advance the state's workforce and economic development into the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage municipality employees have received GreenStar certification for their buildings, which is an independently-developed protocol for waste reduction, including effective recycling options, computer power management, and use of efficient lighting; and

WHEREAS, with roughly 4,000 LED fixtures installed throughout the city, Anchorage is blazing the trail in green streetlight improvement policies, and communities across the state, the country, and around the world are watching closely to follow our lead; and

WHEREAS, the Eklutna Hydroelectric Program, jointly owned by the Municipality of Anchorage, Chugach Electric Association, and Matanuska Electric Association, produces the lowest cost renewable energy in Southcentral Alaska. In 2018 the Eklutna Project produced enough energy to power more than 24,600 residential homes for an entire year; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage is home to Fire Island Wind, the city's first commercial-scale wind farm with eleven General Electric XLE wind turbines, which supplies approximately 47,000 megawatt hours per year to Chugach retail members; and

WHEREAS, we have a governor committed to securing reliable energy sources for generations to come, who has affirmed this commitment through the creation of the Alaska Sustainable Energy Conference, staging Alaska as a strategic leader in the clean energy conversation; and

WHEREAS, Alaska is home to 30 of the 35 critical minerals that are essential to modern life and making the transition to a clean energy future and if invested in, these projects will position our state and country to reduce reliance on foreign dictatorial countries; and

WHEREAS, as our country recognizes National Clean Energy Week, I encourage individuals and local business owners, as well as local governments, corporations, and other organizations across Alaska to support common sense solutions to address the United States' evolving economic and energy needs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Dave Bronson, Mayor of the Municipality of Anchorage, do hereby proclaim September 26th through September 30th as

NATIONAL CLEAN ENERGY WEEK

throughout the Municipality of Anchorage, and I urge all citizens to recognize this observance.

Dated: 09 / 16 / 2022


MAYOR DAVE BRONSON