

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS, across South Carolina, clean and readily abundant forms of energy are powering more homes and businesses than ever before; and
- WHEREAS, clean energy, including generation from renewable sources such as wind, solar, and hydro sources as well as nuclear, natural gas, and energy storage, is part of our country's energy future; and
- WHEREAS, South Carolina's four nuclear power plants provided 54 percent of the state's net electricity generation in 2021, and it was the third largest producer of nuclear power in the nation; and
- WHEREAS, the clean energy sector is a growing part of the economy and has been a key driver of economic growth in the Palmetto State in recent years; and
- WHEREAS, clean energy employed over 56,000 people in South Carolina in 2022, with the number of clean energy jobs growing 16 percent between 2021 and 2022; and
- WHEREAS, solar power, hydropower, and biomass are South Carolina's primary sources of renewable energy, accounting for 7 percent of the state's total net generation and, as of 2021, solar energy production had more than tripled since 2018, with more available capacity expected in 2023; and
- WHEREAS, clean energy jobs are inherently local, exempt from outsourcing due to the on-site nature of construction, installation, and maintenance, and contribute to the growth of local communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 25-29, 2023, as

SOUTH CAROLINA CLEAN ENERGY WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to support commonsense solutions that address our economic and energy needs in the 21st Century.



Handwritten signature of Henry McMaster in black ink.

HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA