



Spencer J. Cox

Governor

Declaration

Whereas, Utah's diverse and growing energy sector, including renewable energies and energy efficiency, are key drivers of Utah's economic success;

Whereas, Utah's efficient baseload resources, including fossil, geothermal, biomass and hydroelectric sustain the well-being of Utahns and drive economic growth, and the state's rapidly growing intermittent solar and wind resources, coupled with storage, are playing an ever-increasing role in the energy landscape;

Whereas, Utah is committed to advancing affordable, reliable and sustainable energy through an 'any-of-the-above' market-based approach to developing Utah's energy resources, as well as driving advanced technology and infrastructure to utilize our resources more cleanly and efficiently;

Whereas, in 2022, 16% of Utah's electricity generation came from renewable resources, primarily solar;

Whereas, Utah is one of seven states with utility-scale electricity generation from geothermal sources, and has some of the best geothermal potential in the nation. In 2022, geothermal energy accounted for 7% of Utah's renewable energy production;

Whereas, Utah is home to the nation's only uranium ore mill still in operation, a valuable link in the global supply chain for enabling nuclear power generation — a clean and baseload source of energy;

Whereas, the proposed Advanced Clean Energy Storage project includes the construction of the world's largest clean hydrogen storage facility, which is expected to be operating by 2025. The project will use renewable resources to produce hydrogen, which will then be stored in an underground salt dome cavern and ultimately be used to power an 840-megawatt hydrogen-capable gas turbine;

Whereas, Utah's clean energy employment sector accounts for nearly 44,000 jobs, including in the crucial areas of energy storage and energy efficiency, and these jobs can contribute valuable growth and diversification of local economies.

Whereas, we support clean energy transportation, including workplace charging and multi-state fast-charging infrastructure for enabling the adoption of electric vehicles, and support the production of Tier 3 fuels in Utah's Salt Lake City refineries, which had groundbreaking development in 2018 and 2019;

Whereas, we encourage individuals and organizations in Utah to support commonsense solutions that address America's economic and energy needs;

Now, therefore, I, Spencer J. Cox, governor of the state of Utah, do hereby declare Sept. 25-29, 2023, as

Clean Energy Week in Utah



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