

# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, across Burlington, clean and readily abundant forms of energy power more homes and businesses than ever before; and

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

WHEREAS, the clean energy sector is a growing part of the economy and has been a key driver of growth in Iowa in recent years, with nearly 35,000 Iowans currently employed in the clean energy sector; and

WHEREAS, Iowa is the nation's largest fuel ethanol and biodiesel producer, accounting for about one-fourth of U.S. fuel ethanol production capacity and one-fifth of biodiesel manufacturing capacity; and

WHEREAS, Iowa's generated 58% of the state's electricity in 2021, the highest wind power share for any state and the second largest producer in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Burlington continues to grow its renewable energy portfolio by investing in batter-operated facilities and new solar fa; and

WHEREAS, Clean energy jobs dare inherently local and contribute to the growth of local economies. These jobs cannot be outsourced due to the on-site nature of construction, installation, and maintenance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of Burlington, Iowa, do hereby proclaim September 25-29, 2023 as

## “Clean Energy Week”

in the City of Burlington, Iowa and encourage individuals and organizations in Iowa to support commonsense solutions to address America's economic and energy needs in the 21st century. I also encourage Burlington to continue implementing the cleanest, lowest-emitting energy technologies available.

Signed and Sealed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2023.

ATTEST:



Katie Music, CMC  
City Clerk



Jon D. Billups  
Mayor