



WHEREAS, across Colorado, clean and readily abundant forms of energy are powering more homes and businesses than ever before; and

WHEREAS, clean energy is part of America's energy future and critical to providing less volatile, lower-cost, and secure energy; and

WHEREAS, the clean energy sector is a growing part of the economy and has been a key driver of economic growth in Colorado in recent years, with over 66,000 clean energy jobs in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, renewable sources of energy accounted for 39% of Colorado's total in-state electricity net generation, with wind power accounting for 70% of renewable generation; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, a study commissioned by the Colorado Energy Office shows that the lowest cost pathway to meet Colorado's electricity demand in 2040 reduces in-state greenhouse gas emissions over 97% through the significant growth of wind, solar, and energy storage, while also achieving near-zero local air pollution from the power sector; and

WHEREAS, since 2022, Governor Polis has enacted several bills to promote the use of geothermal technology for 24/7 zero-emission electricity production and heat; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is home to National Renewable Energy Laboratory, the only federal laboratory dedicated to research, development, commercialization, and deployment of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies; and

WHEREAS, as of May 2024, the State of Colorado has received over \$1B from the Inflation Reduction Act and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law awards for energy efficiency, renewable energy, methane reductions, and grid resilience, in addition to over \$2.18B of private investment in renewable energy, and the announcement of five new clean energy manufacturing businesses creating more than 3,000 jobs and leveraging \$1.29B of investment; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado could receive as much as \$9B of investment from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and \$2B in competitive and formula funds from the Inflation Reduction Act, as well as \$25B+ in tax credits which reduce the cost of clean energy technology adoption by Colorado residents, families, and businesses;

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim the period of time between September 23 and September 27, 2024, as

NATIONAL CLEAN ENERGY WEEK.

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this twenty-third day of September, 2024



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis".

Jared Polis
Governor