

PROCLAMATION OF THE GOVERNOR OF PUERTO RICO

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NATIONAL CLEAN ENERGY WEEK

WHEREAS:

Puerto Rico's energy public policy is established by Act 17-2019, which sets parameters for creating a resilient, reliable, and robust energy system with fair and reasonable rates for all customer classes. The Act aims to facilitate the interconnection of distributed generation systems and microgrids, and to unbundle and transform the electrical power system into an open system. Additionally, the policy includes a mandate to increase the Renewable Portfolio Standard, with a goal of achieving 100% energy production from renewable sources by 2050.

WHEREAS:

The Government of Puerto Rico has implemented a variety of programs aimed at accelerating the deployment of clean energy systems. These initiatives include incentive programs benefitting more than 10,000 low-income households, over 1,000 small businesses, and the awarding of 20 microgrid projects. Federal funds have been allocated to support strategic key initiatives that underscore the Government's commitment to clean energy adoption. Notable projects include the development of microgrids in Vieques and Culebra, the integration of energy storage systems into former generation facilities, and the installation of a solar and storage system at La Fortaleza;

WHEREAS:

The adoption of clean energy sources in Puerto Rico has made remarkable progress, with over 125,000 rooftop solar installations accounting for more than 800 megawatts (MW) of clean generation capacity. Additionally, the development of utility-scale renewable energy projects is currently 894 MW, while 780 MW of utility-scale energy storage installations are currently underway. Moreover, over 100 MW of distributed higherficiency co-generation systems are now operational in various industrial facilities;

WHEREAS:

Puerto Rico continues its strong commitment to advancing clean energy adoption through the development of supportive public policies and regulatory frameworks. These efforts include the implementation of the net metering program, the issuance of green energy decrees for both installers and producers, tax exemptions for renewable energy equipment, and the expedited interconnection process for small-scale systems;

WHEREAS:

National Clean Energy Week fosters support for innovative solutions that address America's economic and energy needs and provides an opportunity for municipalities and individuals to adopt the cleanest, lowest-emitting technologies available. In alignment with these goals, the Government, in collaboration with key stakeholders, is dedicated to advancing sustainable, resilient, and affordable energy solutions to make Puerto Rico a leader in clean energy and environmental sustainability.

THEREFORE:

I, PEDRO R. PIERLUISI, Governor of Puerto Rico, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of Puerto Rico, do hereby proclaim the week of September 23-27, 2024, as NATIONAL CLEAN ENERGY WEEK. In so doing, I urge the people of Puerto Rico, public and private entities, civic and educational, as well as the media, to celebrate Puerto Rico's advancement towards a clean energy future.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I sign the present and cause to be affixed on it the Great Seal of the Government of Puerto Rico, in the City of San Juan, on this 17th day of September 2024.

Promulgated according to the Law, today, September 17th, 2024.

OMARJ. MARRERO DÍAZ

Secretary of State

PEDRO R. PIERLUISI

Governor