



Spencer J. Cox

Governor

Declaration

Whereas, readily abundant forms of diverse energy are powering more homes and businesses across Utah than ever before;

Whereas, Utah's efficient baseload resources, including fossil, geothermal, biomass and hydro, support the development of Utah's rapidly growing intermittent solar and wind resources;

Whereas, Utah is committed to advancing affordable, reliable and clean energy through an 'all-of-the-above' market-based approach to developing Utah's high-quality renewable solar, wind, hydro, geothermal, biomass and energy storage resources, as well as driving advanced technology and infrastructure to utilize more cleanly and efficiently its abundant fossil and nuclear resources;

Whereas, in 2023, 20% 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 strongest geothermal potential in the nation. In 2023, geothermal energy accounted for 8% of Utah's renewable energy production, with more projects underway;

Whereas, Utah is home to the nation's only operating uranium ore mill;

Whereas, the 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, powering an 840-megawatt hydrogen capable gas turbine;

Whereas, Utah's diverse energy sector is a growing part of the economy and has been a key driver of Utah's economic success;

Whereas, Utah's clean energy employment sector accounts for more than 43,000 jobs. The renewable energy sector has created thousands of new direct jobs throughout the past several years;

Whereas, significant potential for continued growth of renewable energy jobs exists in Utah, including in the crucial areas of energy storage and energy efficiency, and these jobs can contribute significantly to growth and diversification of local economies;

Whereas, we support clean energy transportation, including workplace charging and multi-state fast charging infrastructure, and promote production of Tier 3 fuels in Utah's Salt Lake City refineries with groundbreaking development in 2018 and 2019;

Whereas, we encourage individuals and organizations in Utah to support common-sense solutions that address America's economic and energy needs. We also encourage municipalities and individuals to advance Utah's goals of providing cleaner, more affordable energy through innovation, strategic infrastructure and technology investments; and,

Whereas, we must cultivate the power of Utah's entrepreneurs and small businesses and ensure government collaboration to assure Utah's and the U.S.'s continued energy leadership in the global marketplace and assure low-cost, reliable energy here at home;

Now, therefore, I, Spencer J. Cox, governor of the state of Utah, do hereby declare Sept. 23-27, 2024, as

National Clean Energy Week in Utah



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