



**City of Columbia  
A Proclamation**

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

**WHEREAS**, clean energy, including generation from renewable sources such as wind, solar, and hydro sources as well as nuclear, natural gas, and energy storage, is part of our country's energy future; and

**WHEREAS**, South Carolina's four nuclear power plants provided 55% of the state's net electricity generation in 2022, and it was the third-largest producer of nuclear power in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the clean energy sector is a growing part of the economy and has been a key driver of economic growth in the Palmetto State in recent years; and

**WHEREAS**, clean energy employed over 56,000 people in South Carolina in 2023, with the number of clean energy jobs growing 16% between 2021 and 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, solar power, hydropower, and biomass are South Carolina's primary source of renewable energy, accounting for 7% of the state's total net generation. As of 2022, solar energy production has more than tripled since 2018, with more available capacity expected in 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, clean energy jobs are inherently local, exempt from outsourcing due to the on-site nature of construction, installation, and maintenance, and contribute to the growth of communities like Columbia;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Daniel Rickenmann, Mayor of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, along with my fellow members of Columbia City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of September 23-27, 2024, as**

**"CLEAN ENERGY WEEK"**

in the City of Columbia, and encourage all citizens to participate wholeheartedly in its observance.

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Mayor

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