

Office of the Mayor

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 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 Greenville.

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

"CLEAN ENERGY WEEK"

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

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Signed, sealed, and delivered this 23rd day of September 2024

Knox H. White, Mayor City of Greenville, SC