

Executive Department State of Idaho The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

State Capital Boise

WHEREAS, clean and readily abundant forms of energy are powering more homes and businesses across Idaho than ever before; in 2023, renewable energy sources accounted for 68% of the total electricity generated in the state, fifth-highest in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Idaho is a national leader in clean energy, with our rivers supplying half of our utility-scale electricity generation capacity; and

WHEREAS, Idaho is rich in renewable energy sources, with its volcanic formations providing some of the best geothermal potential in the nation, and Idaho is one of seven states with utility-scale geothermal generation capacity; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's Capitol building is the only statehouse in the nation heated by a geothermal system; and

WHEREAS, the clean energy sector is a growing part of the economy and has been a key driver of economic growth in Idaho in recent years, supplying more than 19,000 jobs to Idahoans; and

WHEREAS, research and innovation for cleaner technology use is necessary and is made possible in Idaho thanks to organizations such as the Idaho National Laboratory and the Idaho Clean Energy Association as well as collaboration with local and state partners; and

WHEREAS, Idaho, through the Idaho National Lab, is the nation's leader in nuclear energy research and strives for a future where nuclear energy is a cornerstone of its baseload energy generation mix; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's energy resources can help Idaho and the nation reduce dependence on international energy resources; and

WHEREAS, to the extent practicable, Idaho's energy needs should be provided through Idahobased energy sources; and

WHEREAS, clean energy contributes to the resiliency and security of the electric grid, ensuring Idahoans have access to reliable and affordable power; and

WHEREAS, as America celebrates National Clean Energy Week, I encourage individuals and organizations in Idaho to support commonsense solutions that address America's economic and energy needs in the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, we must harness the power of Idaho entrepreneurs and small businesses, ensure government collaboration to assert American energy leadership and dominance in the global marketplace, and provide access to low-cost reliable energy here at home.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRAD LITTLE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim October 23-27, 2024, to be

NATIONAL CLEAN ENERGY WEEK

in Idaho, and I encourage all municipalities and individuals to implement the cleanest, lowest-emitting energy technologies available.



PHIL MCGRANE SECRETARY OF STATE

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 23rd day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-eighth, and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred thirty-fourth.

