

WHEREAS; it has become increasingly evident that pollution and climate change present a grave threat to the health, safety, and economic well-being of all Wisconsinites, and the state has a responsibility to current and future generations to take action and prevent further damage to our climate by investing in sustainable solutions, including the use of clean energy alternatives; and

WHEREAS; with the signing of Executive Order #38 in 2019, the state of Wisconsin established a goal of ensuring all electricity consumed within the state is 100 percent carbon-free by the year 2050, and will achieve this primarily through the utilization of solar, wind, hydro, biomass, and biogas sources, as well as by developing technologies to better support sustainable energy production, such as energy storage and distribution technology; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin has also committed to fulfilling the carbon reduction goals of the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement which extends beyond electricity sector carbon emissions to include all forms of carbon emissions; and

WHEREAS; earlier this year, Wisconsin released its first-ever Clean Energy Plan, which identifies dozens of pathways and strategies aiming to reduce the disproportionate impacts of energy generation and use on low-income communities and communities of color, maximize the creation of and equitable opportunities for clean energy jobs, economic development, and retention of energy investment dollars in Wisconsin, improve the reliability and affordability of the energy system, strengthen the clean energy workforce, and protect human and environmental health, among other goals; and

WHEREAS; over the past decade, the price of wind and solar energy have steadily declined, making them less expensive alternatives to coal-generated electricity, which costs state taxpayers millions of dollars every year; and

WHEREAS; the clean energy sector supports roughly 70,000 jobs in Wisconsin, and according to a 2022 report from the U.S. Department of Energy, jobs in the energy sector are some of the fastest growing jobs nationwide; and

WHEREAS; due to their on-site nature, many clean energy jobs are inherently local, cannot be outsourced, and are critical to the growth of local economies; and

WHEREAS; transitioning to clean energy can provide economic prosperity and vitality to more communities across the state, especially those that have been disproportionately impacted by climate change, those that lack economic security, and those currently relying on the fossil fuel industry for their livelihoods; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin encourages increased organizational and individual support of innovative and sustainable solutions that address the state and nation's economic and energy needs, and joins municipalities and individuals across Wisconsin in working toward the goals of the state's Clean Energy Plan and toward implementing the cleanest and lowest-emitting energy technologies available;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim September 26 through 30, 2022, as

## **NATIONAL CLEAN ENERGY WEEK**

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State