



City of Takoma Park, Maryland Mayoral Proclamation

Energy Efficiency Day 2020

WHEREAS, energy efficiency is the cheapest, quickest, and cleanest way to meet our energy needs and reduce utility bills for residential, business, and industrial customers; and

WHEREAS, smarter energy use reduces the amount of energy we need to power our lives, which helps avoid emissions that can harm our health and pollute our air; and

WHEREAS, implementing energy efficiency and other clean energy policies and programs helps boost economic opportunities and job creation while continuing to move toward a sustainable future; and

WHEREAS, energy efficiency is a critical part of meeting Takoma Park's climate goals; and

WHEREAS, improved energy standards for homes and commercial buildings also can significantly reduce utility costs and create new jobs, and Takoma Park supports increasing the minimum levels of efficiency for all buildings; and

WHEREAS, for cities and states tackling harmful pollution, energy efficiency can get them about halfway toward their climate goals; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Takoma Park can continue to contribute to our energy efficiency efforts by learning about and participating in our energy efficiency programs;

WHEREAS, a nationwide network of energy efficiency groups and partners has designated the first Wednesday in October as the national annual Energy Efficiency Day; and

WHEREAS, together the residents of Takoma Park, Maryland can continue to contribute to our sustainability efforts by learning more about energy efficiency and practicing smarter energy use in their daily lives.

THEREFORE I, **Kate Stewart, Mayor**, do hereby proclaim October 7, 2020, as "**ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY**" in **Takoma Park, Maryland** and urge residents to join us in supporting our clean energy goals and moving toward more energy efficiency now and in the future.

Proclaimed this 7th day of October, 2020.

Kate Stewart
Mayor