

Cíty of Takoma Park, Maryland Mayoral Proclamation

Energy Efficiency Day 2021

- 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, energy efficiency can also make our homes and workspaces healthier, safer, and more comfortable; 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, cutting energy waste saves U.S. consumers billions of dollars on their utility bills annually, up to \$500 per household from appliance efficiency standards alone; 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 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 6, 2021, 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 29th day of September, 2021.

Kate Stewart Mayor