



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY

WHEREAS, energy efficiency is the practice of getting the same or better performance using less energy – while cutting utility bills for residential, business, and industrial customers; and

WHEREAS, reliable, affordable energy is vital to our economic prosperity and energy efficiency is the most productive and cost-effective way to meet our energy needs; and

WHEREAS, cutting energy waste saves U.S. consumers billions of dollars on their utility bills annually, which amounts to upwards of \$500 per household from appliance efficiency standards alone; and

WHEREAS, more than 80,000 Virginians work in the energy efficiency sector in high-skilled, good-paying, clean energy jobs that can't be outsourced, and increasing energy efficiency practices will create more of them; and

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

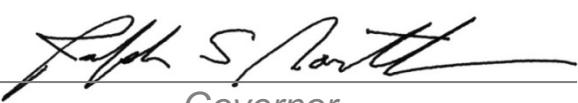
WHEREAS, residents of Virginia can continue to contribute to our energy efficiency efforts by learning about participating in Clean Energy Virginia; and

WHEREAS, a nationwide network of energy efficiency groups and businesses has designated October 7th as the national annual Energy Efficiency Day; and

WHEREAS, together Virginians can continue to contribute to our clean energy future by learning more about energy efficiency and practicing smarter energy use in our daily lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ralph S. Northam, do hereby recognize October 7, 2020, as **ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all citizens.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth