STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Energy has a profound impact on daily life from supplying essentials such as heat and light to sustaining modern society's complex systems in sectors like healthcare, air traffic control, and manufacturing, thereby supporting quality of life and fueling economic growth; and

WHEREAS: Jobs within the energy industry provide the second highest annual average wage in Minnesota, making a significant contribution to the state's high standard of living; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota ranks fourth in ethanol production, and eighth in wind power generation nationally; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota is working to promote continuity of service while embracing technologies that ensure a clean environment for future generations; and

WHEREAS: Utility companies provide jobs for nearly 13,000 Minnesotans who serve in key energy industries including electric power generation and distribution, natural gas distribution, water, and sewage; and

WHEREAS: The clean energy economy is growing rapidly and creating well-paying jobs, evidenced by the over 54,000 Minnesota workers employed in energy efficiency, bioenergy, wind, solar, and smart grid sectors; and

WHEREAS: Through strategic partnerships, the Minnesota Energy Consortium strives to promote a unified and results-oriented effort to help people find new and rewarding careers in energy; and

WHEREAS: Careers in Energy Week encourages Minnesotans to become familiar with the services and the benefits offered by career and technical education programs in communities and colleges across the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of October 17-21, 2016, as:

CAREERS IN ENERGY WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 30th day of September.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE