



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesota's innovative energy efficiency and clean energy businesses are delivering clean, reliable, and affordable solutions while reducing emissions, creating family-sustaining jobs, and diversifying and strengthening the state's economy to help the state achieve its 100% clean energy goals; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is a globally recognized hub for clean energy development and deployment, with 28% of all electricity in the state coming from renewable sources in 2021; and
- WHEREAS: Power sector carbon emissions in Minnesota declined 40% in the last 10 years due to our state's clean energy transition, and renewables have accounted for 81% of all new electricity generation capacity added since 2010, totaling 4.1 gigawatts; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is home to 58,000 clean energy jobs, with a 4.7% job growth in 2021 and nearly 40% of jobs located in Greater Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is an energy efficiency leader in the Midwest, ranking as the 10th most energy efficient state in the nation thanks to our progressive utility-run efficiency programs; and
- WHEREAS: The solar industry is currently a \$2.6 billion force in Minnesota, reaching 1.7 gigawatts of installed capacity in 2020, and is poised for continued growth with utility-scale solar prices falling 52% in the last decade; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's Community Solar Garden program is nation-leading, with over 848 megawatts of capacity statewide, serving as a model for other states across the country; and
- WHEREAS: Wind energy contributed 20.7% of the state's total electricity in 2021, with prices dropping 72% from 2009 to 2022, making it the cheapest form of new energy to build; and
- WHEREAS: Clean energy encompasses thriving business sectors including energy efficiency, renewable energy, electric vehicles, clean fuels, energy storage, and advanced grid technologies that are critical to the health and economic growth of our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, March 9, 2023, as:

CLEAN ENERGY BUSINESS DAY

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 28th day of February.

Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Steve Dimon in black ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE