



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesota's nation-leading clean energy policies have established fertile ground for innovators, entrepreneurs, investors, and businesses to deliver value-added products and services growing Minnesota's clean energy markets; and
- WHEREAS: The state is a globally-recognized hub for clean energy development and deployment, with 25 percent of all electricity in Minnesota coming from renewable sources in 2017. The clean energy industry is stimulating statewide economic development and creating family-sustaining jobs; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is home to 59,079 clean energy jobs, and is experiencing a job growth rate more than twice that of the overall economy; with employers projected to have added 2,700 new jobs in 2018; and
- WHEREAS: Clean energy jobs employ Minnesotans throughout the state -- with 40 percent of jobs located in Greater Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: Energy efficiency provides fourteen percent of our state's energy system resources, and has helped save Minnesotans more than \$6 billion in energy costs; and
- WHEREAS: The solar industry is currently a \$1.5 billion force in Minnesota reaching one gigawatt of installed capacity in 2018, and is poised for continued growth with utility-scale solar prices falling 86% in the last decade; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's Community Solar Garden program is the largest in the nation with 510 megawatts of capacity statewide, and serves as a model for other states across the country; and
- WHEREAS: Wind energy currently contributes 18 percent of the state's total electricity, with wind energy prices dropping 67 percent in the last decade making it price competitive with certain fossil fuels; 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 and its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, February 13, 2019, 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 11th day of February.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE