



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

CLEAN ENERGY AWARENESS MONTH

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, clean energy includes energy generated from wind, solar, hydropower, and geothermal sources as well as energy saved as the result of energy efficiency policies and programs; and

WHEREAS, clean energy is powering more homes and organizations across North Carolina than ever before, and North Carolinians can reduce their energy bills by using energy efficiency and energy conservation measures in their homes, businesses, schools, and other organizations; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's clean energy sector, which has more than 8,000 renewable energy projects and provides more than 6,000 megawatts of installed renewable energy capacity, generated more than \$6.4 billion in annual revenues in 2016, driving economic growth and providing more than 50,000 jobs in communities across our state; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina ranks second nationally in installed solar capacity, has more than 7,600 workers in the solar industry, and boasts more than \$6.5 billion in solar project investments; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's Amazon Wind Farm U.S. East has the largest energy capacity of any wind facility in the Southeast and provides more than \$624,000 in annual lease payments to landowners; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is a national leader in smart grid technology development, with more than 100 smart grid regional companies; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina research and innovation in clean energy technologies is driven by institutions of higher education, entrepreneurs and small businesses, and local and state government partners; this kind of collaboration is essential to increase access to low-cost, reliable, and cleaner sources of energy; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages individuals and organizations to observe Clean Energy Awareness Month by learning about and adopting strategies to advance clean energy opportunities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October, 2018, as "**CLEAN ENERGY AWARENESS MONTH**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this fourth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.