

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER

GOVERNOR

CLEAN ENERGY WEEK

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina enjoys clean and readily abundant forms of energy across the state that power more homes and businesses than ever before; and

WHEREAS, clean energy is driving the United States' energy future and fostering economic growth; and

WHEREAS, clean energy includes energy generated from wind, solar, hydropower, biomass, geothermal sources, and energy saved because of energy efficiency policies and programs; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is ranked second in the nation in installed solar capacity, and has more than 7,000 megawatts of installed renewable energy capacity; and

WHEREAS, the clean energy sector is a growing part of North Carolina's robust economy and includes more than 34,000 full-time employees, a 31 percent increase since 2015; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's clean energy jobs grow local economies and boost economic development in rural and urban communities; and

WHEREAS, state government must collaborate with North Carolina entrepreneurs and small businesses to assert U.S. leadership and dominance in the global clean energy marketplace, and to assure low-cost reliable energy here at home; and

WHEREAS, National Clean Energy Week, September 25 - 29, 2017, provides an opportunity for individuals, local governments, corporations, and other organizations in North Carolina to champion commonsense solutions that address the United States' evolving economic and energy needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 25 – 29, 2017, as "CLEAN ENERGY WEEK" 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 twenty-fifth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.