



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

CLEAN ENERGY WEEK

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

## A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Governor Roy Cooper's Executive Order 80 encourages the utilization of clean energy resources, including energy efficiency, solar, wind, energy storage, hydropower, and other technologies, to facilitate a modern and resilient electric grid; and

**WHEREAS**, clean energy lowers the rate of greenhouse gas emissions, which is essential in combating climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order 80 called on the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality to collaborate with residents and stakeholders in the development of a North Carolina Clean Energy Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina is well-positioned to be a global leader in the field of clean energy because of its higher education system, skilled workforce, technology industry, and research and development sectors; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina is second in the United States for installed solar capacity and is a national leader in energy efficiency, smart grid technology, and data analytics; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Commerce has conducted a workforce assessment on clean energy and clean transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina is leading the southeast region of the United States in the creation of clean energy jobs, a sector of the economy that grew at a rate of 3.5 percent in the year 2018 and now account for more than half of North Carolina's entire energy sector workforce; and

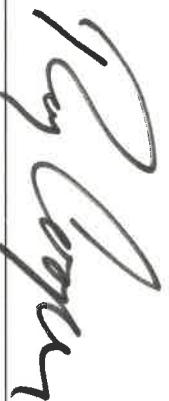
**WHEREAS**, clean energy benefits all 100 counties of North Carolina, employing more than 110,000 North Carolinians, creating jobs for scientists, engineers, pipefitters, roofers, mechanics, electricians, construction workers, and in the agricultural, banking, legal and manufacturing industries; and

**WHEREAS**, clean energy is driving our state's energy future, and lowering the cost of energy at home and in the workplace; and

**WHEREAS**, National Clean Energy Week is an opportunity to highlight the creativity and innovation of North Carolinians in the clean energy field, and champion the jobs being created in our state;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 23 – 27, 2019, as “**CLEAN ENERGY WEEK**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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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-third day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fourth.