

State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

CLEAN ENERGY WEEK

2025

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in the first quarter of 2025, North Carolina benefited from more than \$433 million in clean energy capital investment, which has resulted in 535 new jobs from energy projects, and, in the past three years, North Carolina has announced 27 clean energy projects responsible for more than \$21 billion in investment and more than 12,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's colleges and universities, in coordination with local and state partners, local municipalities, business leaders, and many others, continue to advance research and innovation in clean energy technologies; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 bipartisan energy law, "Energy Solutions for North Carolina," directs the North Carolina Utilities Commission to ensure regulated electric utilities achieve carbon neutrality by 2050; and

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2025, Governor Stein issued Executive Order No. 23 to strengthen the state's electricity infrastructure and energy affordability as demand increases and to continue the state's leadership in the clean energy economy; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina ranks fifth nationally for installed solar energy capacity, ninth for clean energy jobs, and first for clean energy jobs in rural areas, with benefits in all 100 counties of the state, employing more than 100,000 North Carolinians across occupations advancing energy efficiency, renewable energy, electric transportation, energy storage, and other clean energy technologies; and

WHEREAS, cost of electricity for residential consumers is increasing, and energy demand is growing; solar and wind energy are among the cheapest forms of energy generation to build and maintain; and

WHEREAS, diversified sources of clean energy provide the electric grid with critical resilience attributes, as evidenced by the Hot Springs microgrid's expeditious restoration of power to downtown facilities after Hurricane Helene washed away the town's electrical substation that provided power from the main grid; and

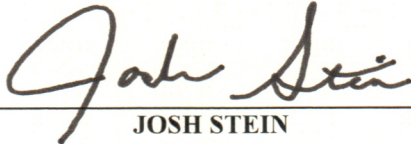
WHEREAS, in 2023, North Carolina ranked among the five states producing the most electricity from nuclear power, which accounted for 33 percent of the state's net generation, and the state is poised to continue to be a leader and innovator of advanced nuclear technologies; and

WHEREAS, clean energy improves public health by reducing air pollution and other environmental impacts that result from fossil fuel use; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages individuals and organizations to observe Clean Energy Week by learning about and adopting solutions that advance America's clean energy opportunities and cost savings in the 21st century;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 15 – 19, 2025, as "**CLEAN ENERGY WEEK**" in North Carolina and commend its observance to all citizens.




JOSH STEIN
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 August in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-fifth and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-ninth.