

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**NORTH CAROLINA CLEAN ENERGY WEEK**

2022

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

## A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Governor Roy Cooper's Executive Order No. 80, "North Carolina's Commitment to Address Climate Change and Transition to a Clean Energy Economy," established goals of a 40 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, a 40 percent reduction in energy consumption in state-owned buildings, registration of 80,000 zero-emission vehicles by 2025, and directs actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and spur clean energy economic opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Clean Energy Plan, developed per EO 80 with stakeholder input, established the goals of reducing power sector greenhouse gas emissions by 70 percent by 2030 and achieving carbon neutrality by 2050, and provides recommendations for achieving those goals; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Cooper signed into law the 2021 bipartisan legislation, "Energy Solutions for North Carolina," which requires electric utilities to reduce levels of carbon dioxide emissions by 70 percent by 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality by 2050; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Cooper's Executive Order No. 218, "Advancing North Carolina's Economic and Clean Energy Future with Offshore Wind," establishes offshore wind development targets of 2.8 gigawatts of offshore wind energy resources off the North Carolina coast by 2030 and 8.0 gigawatts by 2040, and directs the North Carolina Department of Commerce to establish the North Carolina Taskforce for Offshore Wind Economic Resources Strategies (NCTOWERS); and

**WHEREAS**, more than 8,967 megawatts (MW) of installed renewable energy are being generated via 27,100 projects in North Carolina, and 15.9 percent of our state's electricity portfolio now comes from renewable energy sources; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina ranks fourth 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, employing more than 204,000 North Carolinians across energy efficiency, renewable energy, electric transportation, energy storage, and other energy technologies; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina saw over \$19.8 billion of clean energy investment between 2007 and 2020; at least 41 of our state's 50 largest private employers have targets for renewable energy, electric vehicles, energy conservation, and/or greenhouse gas emission reductions; 86 companies in North Carolina have goals to power their operations with 100 percent renewable energy; and

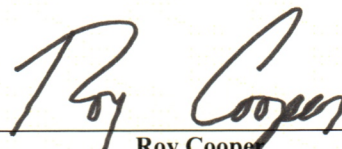
**WHEREAS**, clean energy improves public health by reducing air pollution and other environmental impacts that result from fossil fuel use and often disproportionately impact overburdened communities and communities of color; and

**WHEREAS**, research and innovation in clean energy technologies is advanced by North Carolina's colleges and universities, collaboration with local and state partners, local municipalities, economic development, business leaders, and many others; 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 in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 26 – 30, 2022, as "**NORTH CAROLINA 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-second day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-eighth.