

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To establish October 2, 2019 as the “District of Columbia Energy Efficiency Day”.

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia recognizes that climate change is real;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia is already taking steps to prepare for the impacts of climate change through actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and strategic resiliency planning;

WHEREAS, deep decarbonization incorporates multiple pathways with an emphasis on increasing energy efficiency and conservation, reducing carbon content in electricity and fuels, and transitioning to low and progressively zero carbon energy;

WHEREAS, greenhouse gas emissions are directly tied to the built environment and transportation, bold actions have to be taken to reduce energy consumption and transition to lower or zero-emission transportation;

WHEREAS, the transition to zero carbon emitting sources goes beyond climate change, by having a direct and significant impact on public health for all District residents;

WHEREAS, both new and existing buildings must become more energy efficient to reduce the amount of greenhouse gas emissions they are contributing to the atmosphere, partnership with the building industry will be key to achieving maximum results;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia has pledged to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 50% below 2006 levels by 2032 and achieve carbon neutrality by 2050;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia has been recognized nationally for bold action with the passage of the Clean Energy DC Omnibus Amendment Act of 2018;

WHEREAS, energy efficiency is the cheapest, quickest, and cleanest way to meet our energy needs and reduce utility bills for residential, business, and industrial customers;

38 WHEREAS, we must pursue the goal of reducing emissions and increasing energy
39 efficiency, this must be done expeditiously with a focus on affordability;

40 WHEREAS, this effort requires the partnership of numerous and diverse stakeholders to
41 achieve, including the Government of the District of Columbia, the utilities, businesses,
42 environmental organizations, nonprofit organizations, residents of the District of Columbia,
43 universities;

44 WHEREAS, a nationwide network of energy efficiency groups and partners has
45 designated the first Wednesday in October as the national annual Energy Efficiency Day;

46 WHEREAS, individual efforts when combined can have a broad impact on society;

47 WHEREAS, a voluntary Energy Efficiency Contest will be run, with the support of the
48 electric utility, next year during peak demand summer months;

49 WHEREAS, a contest during this timeframe could maximize the amount of avoided
50 electricity as well as carbon and save customers the most money in the process;

51 WHEREAS, individuals and organizations, in various categories, that have achieved the
52 greatest reduction in energy consumption will be celebrated on Energy Efficiency Day in 2020;

53 RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
54 resolution may be cited as the “District of Columbia Energy Efficiency Day Recognition
55 Resolution of 2019”.

56 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes Energy Efficiency Day and
57 urges citizens to join us in supporting our clean energy goals and moving toward more energy
58 efficiency now and in the future.

59 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in
60 the District of Columbia Register.