

CITY OF ASHEVILLE

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on October 23, 2013, Asheville City Council adopted Resolution 13-228 supporting a clean energy economy for the city and for the region; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2015, Asheville City Council adopted Resolution 15-200 approving the Community Clean Energy Policy Framework, supporting continued sustainability efforts including carbon footprint reductions and clean energy economy through a Clean Energy Partnership with Duke Energy; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2016, Asheville City Council adopted Resolution 16-64 establishing a joint task force known as the "Energy Innovation Task Force" that is committed to working to delay or avoid the construction of an additional fossil fuel-powered combustion turbine electricity generating facility at the Asheville Plant site in 2023; and

WHEREAS, energy efficiency is the art of getting the same or better performance using less energy - all while cutting utility bills for residential, business, and industrial customers; and

WHEREAS, reliable, affordable energy is vital to our economic prosperity and energy efficiency is the most productive and cost-effective way to meet our energy needs; and implementing clean energy policies and programs helps boost economic opportunities and job creation while continuing to move toward a sustainable future; and

WHEREAS, cutting energy waste saves U.S. consumers billions of dollars on their utility bills annually, up to \$500 per household from appliance efficiency standards alone; and

WHEREAS, more than 2.2 million Americans work in the energy efficiency sector in local, good-paying, clean energy jobs that can't be outsourced and increasing efficiency will create more of them; and smarter energy use reduces the amount of electricity we need to power our lives, which helps avoid power plant emissions that can harm our health, pollute our air, and warm our climate; and

WHEREAS, a nationwide network of energy efficiency groups and partners has designated October 5th as the nation's second annual Energy Efficiency Day; and together the residents of Asheville can continue to contribute to our sustainability efforts by learning more about energy efficiency and practicing smarter energy use in their daily lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Esther E. Manheimer, Mayor of the City of Asheville do hereby proclaim October 5, 2017 as

ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY

in Asheville, NC, and urge citizens to join us in supporting our clean energy goals and moving toward more energy efficiency now and in the future.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Asheville to be affixed this 3rd day of October 2017.



Esther E. Manheimer

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MAYOR