

Proclamation



CELEBRATING NATIONAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY OCTOBER 5, 2017

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Energy Council was established by the Board of Chosen Freeholders in 2008 in recognition of the increasing demand for energy around the world, which is affecting both the cost and availability of energy such that knowledge of energy sources and use are important, and protection of the environment and conservation of natural resources are long term goals that are supported by the County of Somerset and its government; and

WHEREAS, the role of the Council is to advise the Freeholders and to advocate for energy efficiency and conservation and promoting public understanding of the opportunities and choices at hand regarding energy issues; and

WHEREAS, the Council has advised the Freeholders that energy efficiency and conservation helps save money for everyone by lowering energy costs for everyone; reduces the demand for electricity, including that which is produced by fossil fuel power plants and thereby lowering pollution and CO2 generated by these power plants and improving air quality and a cleaner environment for future generations; and

WHEREAS, energy efficiency also benefits government, business and non-profit organizations by lowering utility costs, allowing associated savings to be used to strengthen these organizations and expand the services they provide; as well as helping them to achieve their sustainability goals; and

WHEREAS, the scientific research, technology, and economics associated with energy efficiency and conservation are recognized and supported by the Somerset Board of Chosen Freeholders, County Energy Council and County Planning Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by supporting the celebration of *National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Day* on *October 5, 2017*, the County seeks to increase public awareness of the benefits of energy conservation and efficiency and the establishment of energy efficiency and conservation goals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County supports implementation of a variety of actions that increase energy conservation and efficiency by state, regional and local jurisdictions and agencies, business and non-profit organizations and the residents of Somerset County throughout the year.

Peter S. Palmer, Freeholder Director

Patrick Scaglione, Freeholder Deputy Director

Patricia L. Walsh, Freeholder

Mark Caliguire, Freeholder

Brian D. Levine, Freeholder

ATTEST:

Kathryn Quick, Deputy Clerk of the Board

September 26, 2017