

**City of Falls Church**

Meeting Date: 09-27-21	Title: PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 2021 AS ENERGY AWARENESS MONTH AND OCTOBER 7, 2021 AS ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY	Agenda No.: 06(b)
Proposed Motion: n/a		
Originating Dept. Head: Wyatt Shields, City Manager 703.248.5004	Disposition by Council:	

**PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, City Council has adopted a resolution reaffirming the Council’s commitment to take action to achieve the regional greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals developed by MWCOG and to continue to advocate for regional, state, and federal support to protect the environment; and

WHEREAS, the vision of environmental sustainability in the City of Falls Church incorporates energy efficiency and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions as core values that embody what the City is striving to achieve; and

WHEREAS, the Environment for Everyone chapter of the City’s Comprehensive Plan identifies the reduction of energy use in buildings and transportation as a key action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, October is national Energy Awareness Month, our annual national effort to highlight the importance of energy to our national prosperity and security, and

WHEREAS, the first Wednesday of October is national Energy Efficiency Day, recognizing that energy efficiency continues to be the cheapest, quickest, and cleanest way to meet our energy needs and reduce utility bills for residential, business, and industrial users; and

WHEREAS, addressing energy efficiency and clean local energy production promotes a cleaner environment, a more prosperous economy and positive economic development, improved comfort and health in homes and businesses at lower cost, and a higher quality of life; and

WHEREAS, energy efficiency and local energy production also support efforts to make our community more resilient to the effects of extreme weather events and climate change; and

WHEREAS, the ESC’s Energy Transition Subcommittee continues its leadership in encouraging energy efficiency and clean energy use in public buildings, businesses, homes and transportation; and

WHEREAS, guidance to make homes and businesses more energy efficient and produce local clean energy is readily available through the United States Department of Energy, the Virginia Energy Efficiency Council, the Energy Efficiency Day website and the City’s webpages;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David Tarter, Mayor of the City of Falls Church, Virginia, do hereby proclaim October 2021 as

**ENERGY AWARENESS MONTH**

and do also hereby proclaim Wednesday October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as

**ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY**

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in the City of Falls Church and encourage staff, residents, businesses and organizations to commit to take actions this month and in the future to conserve energy and reduce carbon emissions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Falls Church, Virginia to be affixed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.

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David Tarter, Mayor