



PROCLAMATION

Energy Efficiency Day – October 7, 2020

WHEREAS, 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 customers, making our homes and workspaces healthier, safer, and more comfortable; and

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

WHEREAS, the City will work with community members and organizations listed in Section 5 of Resolution No. 200005 to enact policies and programs to meet the needs of residents, including renters, that experience higher utility costs and face disproportionately high climate-related risks; and

WHEREAS, more than 2.4 million Americans were working in the energy efficiency sector prior to the pandemic in local, good-paying, clean energy jobs that couldn't be outsourced and increasing America's recovery efforts by ramping up our efficiency efforts will sustain and create more good local jobs; and

WHEREAS, improved energy codes for homes and commercial buildings can also significantly reduce utility costs and create new jobs, and the City supports increasing the minimum levels of efficiency for new buildings and major renovations through adoption of the model 2021 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) and building performance standards with the Zero Code Appendix and no weakening amendments; and

WHEREAS, applicable commercial, institutional, and industrial building owners continue to contribute to our energy efficiency efforts by complying with the energy benchmarking and reporting requirements in the City's Energy Empowerment Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, for cities tackling harmful pollution and carbon emissions, energy efficiency can significantly help them reach their climate goals; therefore, the City will set aggressive energy efficiency targets at the municipal level and citywide in the new Climate Protection and Resiliency Plan; and

WHEREAS, together the residents of Kansas City and the region can continue to contribute to our sustainability efforts by learning more about energy efficiency, practicing smarter energy use in their daily lives, and participating in climate action planning and implementation; and

WHEREAS, a nationwide network of energy efficiency groups and partners has designated the first Wednesday in October as the Fifth National Annual Energy Efficiency Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Mayor Quinton D. Lucas, do hereby recognize October 7, 2020, as "Energy Efficiency Day" in of Kansas City, Missouri.

Quinton Donald Lucas

