

PROCLAMATION

BY MAYOR JOEL GREER

WHEREAS, Iowa has long been a leader in clean and renewable energy, becoming the first state in the nation to establish a Renewable Portfolio Standard in 1983; and

WHEREAS, across Iowa, clean and readily abundant forms of energy power more homes and businesses than ever before. In 2019, Iowa ranked first in the nation for share of electricity provided by wind energy, with 5,100 turbines generating 42% of the state's electricity. In 2019, wind generated more electricity in Iowa than coal for the first time. At the beginning of 2020, renewable energy generating capacity in Iowa stood at 10,400 MW; and

WHEREAS, solar energy is benefitting both rural and urban Iowa with more than \$250 million in private investment throughout all of the state's 99 counties; and

WHEREAS, clean energy is part of America's energy future. It includes generation from renewable sources such as wind, solar, hydro and geothermal sources, but it also includes nuclear, natural gas, and carbon capture technologies as well as energy storage; and

WHEREAS, the clean energy sector is a growing part of the economy and has been a key driver of growth in Iowa in recent years, with over 32,200 Iowans currently employed in the clean energy sector; and

WHEREAS, these jobs cannot be outsourced due to on-site nature of construction, installation, and maintenance. Clean energy jobs are inherently local and contribute to the growth of local economies; and

WHEREAS, as our country celebrates National Clean Energy Week, I encourage individuals and organizations in Iowa to support common sense solutions to address America's economic and energy needs in the 21st century. I also encourage municipalities and individuals to implement the cleanest, lowest-emitting energy technologies available; and

WHEREAS, we must harness the power of Iowa entrepreneurs and small businesses and ensure government collaboration to assert American energy leadership and dominance in the global marketplace and assure low-cost reliable energy here at home; and

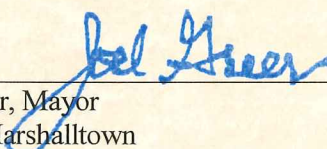
WHEREAS, Marshalltown and Marshall County have good working relationships with Alliant Energy and Consumers Energy, each of which has demonstrated a commitment to responsible energy solutions,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joel Greer, Mayor of the City of Marshalltown, Iowa, do hereby proclaim September 21-25, 2020 as

CLEAN ENERGY WEEK



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused my seal to be affixed on this 21th day of September, 2020.



Joel Greer, Mayor
City of Marshalltown