



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Energy generates commerce and fuels economic growth. Energy supplies the essential things in life: heating, cooling, cooking, and lighting. Energy supports modern society's complex systems from providing health care to air and ground traffic control, and running a manufacturing plant; and

WHEREAS: Utility companies provide jobs for nearly 13,000 Minnesotans who serve in key energy industries including electric power generation and distribution, natural gas distribution, water and sewage. These jobs have the second highest annual average wage in the state, making a significant contribution to the state's high standard of living; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota is working to promote continuity of service while embracing the challenges of a clean environment for the future. The state ranks fourth in ethanol production and eighth in wind power generation; and

WHEREAS: The clean energy economy is growing rapidly, creating jobs with good-paying wages. The first quarter of 2014 revealed Minnesota employed over 15,000 workers in energy efficiency, bioenergy, wind, solar, and smart grid sectors; and

WHEREAS: Through strategic partnerships, the Minnesota Energy Consortium strives to promote a unified and results-oriented effort to ensure people find new and rewarding careers in energy; and

WHEREAS: Careers in Energy Week encourages citizens to become familiar with the services and the benefits offered by career and technical education programs in communities and colleges across the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of October 12-16, 2015, as:

CAREERS IN ENERGY WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 15th day of October.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE