
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY BROWNE, KILLION, MENSCH, FONTANA, HUGHES, AUMENT,
BREWSTER, LEACH, HAYWOOD, TARTAGLIONE, BLAKE, YUDICHAK AND
KEARNEY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of September 23 through 27, 2019, as "Clean
2 Energy Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Across this Commonwealth, clean and readily abundant
4 forms of energy are powering more homes and businesses than ever
5 before; and

6 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is committed to clean and renewable
7 energy that benefits our economy and environment; and

8 WHEREAS, Clean and renewable energy is part of this
9 Commonwealth's energy future and includes generation from
10 multiple renewable resources; and

11 WHEREAS, The clean and renewable energy sector is a growing
12 part of this Commonwealth's economy, growing at a current rate
13 of 6% annually, which is five times faster than Statewide job
14 growth, and has been a key driver of economic growth in this
15 Commonwealth in recent years, with the number of jobs in the
16 clean and renewable energy sector in this Commonwealth now
17 standing at more than 90,000; and

1 WHEREAS, The production costs of clean and renewable energy
2 are now the lowest in United States history, averaging \$45 per
3 megawatt hour, and are steadily declining as clean and renewable
4 technologies continue to improve; and

5 WHEREAS, These trends, emerging through a broad base of
6 project developers and investors, especially the Pennsylvania
7 banking sector, are making clean and renewable energy projects
8 more accessible than ever before to Pennsylvania farms,
9 communities and local governments; and

10 WHEREAS, Under the recently introduced Senate Bill No. 705
11 (2019), the Community Solar Act, Pennsylvania ratepayers can
12 join together, reduce their utility bills, increase their use of
13 clean and renewable energy and benefit from streamlining of
14 regulations and cutting of red tape when building community
15 solar projects; and

16 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Defense and its
17 partners in the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans
18 Affairs have, through their infrastructure efficiency upgrades,
19 power generation modernization and clean energy generation
20 projects at Fort Indiantown Gap and across numerous sites in
21 this Commonwealth, set a new standard for National Guard and
22 Reserve installations across the country and are continuing to
23 promote national security through the domestic development of
24 clean and renewable energy, thereby reducing our dependence on
25 foreign sources of energy; therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate September 23 through 27,
27 2019, as "Clean Energy Week" in Pennsylvania.