



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, wind powers opportunity with 114,000 well-paying American jobs, including in U.S. factories, with wind turbine service technician being the second fastest growing occupation in the country; and

WHEREAS, the wind industry's private investment continues to soar with \$142 billion invested over the last decade in the U.S. economy; and

WHEREAS, U.S. wind farms contribute over \$1 billion each year in state and local taxes and land lease payments, with nearly all of those funds being directed toward rural communities; and

WHEREAS, the cost of wind energy has fallen 69 percent over the last decade, making it one of the most affordable and competitive options for generating electricity in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, the wind industry now reliably supplies enough clean energy to power over 26 million American homes; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey has a long history of leadership in clean energy and environmental protection, and built the first coastal wind farm in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, the area off of New Jersey's 130-mile coastline boasts abundant natural wind resources and the largest, most competitive offshore wind cluster in the Mid-Atlantic; and

WHEREAS, developing a robust offshore wind industry is a key step to building a stronger, fairer New Jersey and an innovation economy that provides good, jobs to New Jerseyans, and protects our environment for future generations; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey has a goal of building 3,500 megawatts of offshore wind and reaching 50 percent renewable energy in the state by 2030; and

WHEREAS, 3,500 megawatts of offshore wind capacity could power approximately 1.75 million New Jersey homes and result in an estimated 10.8 million metric tons of avoided carbon dioxide emissions annually, equivalent to taking about 2.3 million passenger vehicles off the roads each year; and

WHEREAS, offshore wind is an abundant, renewable and sustainable form of energy that will allow New Jersey to shift away from outdated energy sources, which have polluted our natural environment for decades;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor for the State of New Jersey do hereby proclaim:

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AS
AMERICAN WIND WEEK

in the State of New Jersey and encourage the residents of our state to learn about and celebrate wind energy.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this thirteenth day of August in the year two thousand nineteen, the two hundred forty-fourth year of the Independence of the United States.


Lt. GOVERNOR


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