

# Santa Fe County Proclamation

## PROCLAIMING THE FIRST WEDNESDAY IN OCTOBER, AS “ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY”

Introduced by: Commissioner Anna Hansen

**WHEREAS**, energy efficiency is one of the cheapest, quickest, and cleanest way to meet Santa Fe County’s energy needs, avoid dangerous pollution, and reduce utility bills for residents and businesses in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, implementing energy efficiency and other clean energy policies and programs can help boost economic opportunities and job creation while continuing to move Santa Fe County toward a sustainable future; and

**WHEREAS**, smarter energy use reduces the amount of electricity needed to power our lives, which helps avoid power plant emissions that can harm our health, pollute our air, and warm our climate; and

**WHEREAS**, for counties and states like ours that are trying to tackle harmful pollution, energy efficiency can get us about halfway toward our emissions reduction goals; and

**WHEREAS**, energy efficiency makes our homes and workspaces healthier, safer, and more comfortable; and

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

**WHEREAS**, improved energy codes for homes and commercial buildings also can significantly reduce utility costs and create new jobs, and Santa Fe County supports increasing the minimum levels of efficiency for new buildings through adoption of a stricter code or the model 2021 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC); and

**WHEREAS**, the residents of Santa Fe County can continue to contribute to our energy efficiency efforts by learning about and participating in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Race to Zero Pledge, which is endorsed by Santa Fe County and the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) USA; and

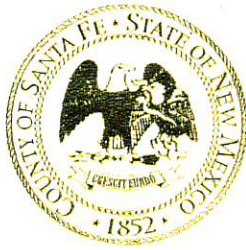
**WHEREAS**, a nationwide network of energy efficiency groups and partners has designated the first Wednesday in October as national annual Energy Efficiency Day; and

**WHEREAS**, together we can continue to contribute to our sustainability efforts by learning more about energy efficiency and practicing smarter energy use in our daily lives.


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FIRST WEDNESDAY IN OCTOBER, AS:**


**“ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY”**


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board hereby urges citizens to join us in supporting our clean energy goals and effort to move toward more energy efficiency now and in the future.



**APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED ON THIS 27<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2022.**

  
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