



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, during Climate Week NYC 2022, the State of New York will reaffirm its commitment to reduce its carbon footprint, make communities more resilient, and through thoughtful planning and collaboration, drive action to tackle climate change and create new opportunities for future generations; and

Whereas, severe storms and flooding, rising sea levels, extreme heat, drought, and air pollution threaten human health and quality of life; and

Whereas, New York State's nation-leading Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), requires a reduction in statewide greenhouse gas emissions by 40 percent from 1990 levels by 2030, and 85 percent by 2050, putting our State on a path to carbon neutrality; and establishes the most aggressive clean energy agenda in the country, requiring 70 percent renewable electricity by 2030, and 100 percent zero-emission electricity by 2040; and

Whereas, New York State is putting environmental justice front and center with its commitment to provide disadvantaged communities with 35 percent, with a goal of at least 40 percent, of overall benefits from investments in clean energy and energy efficiency, ensure agencies' administrative decisions do not disproportionately burden residents, and prioritize reductions of greenhouse gas emissions and co-pollutants in these areas; and

Whereas, New York State is a leader in the transition to clean and renewable energy, through innovative technologies that are creating new economic opportunities across the State as well as programs to assist communities implement locally-based climate action; and

Whereas, the State has more than 120 solar, land-based wind, and offshore wind projects under development that will be capable of providing over 66 percent of New York's electricity with renewable sources once completed, and is investing in the increased resilience and reliability of its transmission system through the development of numerous high-impact projects that will enable the efficient transfer of renewable power throughout the state; and

Whereas, New York's leadership on current and directed regulatory actions will reduce greenhouse gases and improve air quality through 100% zero-emission requirements for new cars by 2035 and new trucks by 2045, decreased fugitive emissions from natural gas infrastructure, and by ensuring CLCPA requirements are evaluated and being followed; and

Whereas, New York State has taken steps to protect its residents, businesses, communities, infrastructure, and natural resources from the effects of a changing climate, including enactment of the Community Risk and Resiliency Act and adoption of implementing guidance, planning to adapt to more frequent and severe extreme heat events, and support for local adaptation planning with funding and assistance from Climate Smart Communities coordinators; and

Whereas, New York co-founded the United States Climate Alliance to uphold the targets of the Paris Agreement on climate change, and it currently includes 24 governors representing more than half of the nation's population, and this type of state-to-state collaboration helps support local efforts in New York State; and

Whereas, the federal government enacted the landmark Inflation Reduction Act in 2022, which provides a once-in-a-generation opportunity to meet the moment on climate change to tackle our most pressing climate and energy challenges with investments and support for state and local governments, the global challenges of climate change take center stage during Climate Week NYC 2022, and New York State stands firmly pledged to driving climate action in partnership with other states and nations;

Now, Therefore, I, Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim the week of September 19 - 25, 2022 as

CLIMATE WEEK

in the Empire State.

Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Albany this sixteenth day of September in the year two thousand twenty-two.



Kathy Hochul
Governor

Karen Persichilli Keogh

Secretary to the Governor
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