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Proclamation Designating Clean Energy Week

Whereas, across Bloomfield, clean and readily abundant forms of energy power more homes and businesses than ever before; and

Whereas, clean energy is part of lowa's energy future. It includes generation from renewable sources such as wind, solar, hydro and geothermal sources, but it also includes nuclear, natural gas, and carbon capture technologies as well as energy storage; and

Whereas, the clean energy sector is a growing part of the economy and has been a key driver of growth in Iowa in recent years, with over 28,000 Iowans currently employed in the clean energy sector; and

Whereas, Iowa is the nation's largest fuel ethanol and biodiesel producer, accounting for <u>one-fourth of U.S. fuel ethanol production capacity and one-fifth of biodiesel</u> manufacturing capacity; and

Whereas, Bloomfield laid the groundwork to become energy independent by 2030, driven by our community's widespread adoption of solar energy, already having installed 1.86 MWh powering businesses and homes; and

Whereas, clean energy jobs cannot be outsourced due to the on-site nature of construction, installation, and maintenance. These jobs are inherently local and contribute to the growth of local economies; and

Whereas, as our country celebrates National Clean Energy Week, I encourage individuals and organizations in Iowa to support commonsense solutions to address America's economic and energy needs in the 21st century. I also encourage Bloomfield to continue implementing the cleanest, lowest-emitting energy technologies available;

Now, therefore, I, Chris Miller, Mayor of Bloomfield, Iowa, do hereby proclaim September 26-30, 2022 as **NATIONAL CLEAN ENERGY WEEK** in Bloomfield.

Chris Miller, Mayor, City of Bloomfield, Iowa

Signed: