

Legislation Text

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Recognizing October, 2016 as Energy Action Month in the City of Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, On September 30, 2016, President Barack Obama proclaimed the month of October as Energy Action Month in the United States; and

WHEREAS, During Energy Action Month, the United States rededicates itself to securing a more prosperous and energy-independent future; and

WHEREAS, As climate change continues to threaten our planet, Energy Action Month reminds citizens to join together to reduce carbon emissions, to protect the environment, and leave behind a cleaner and more resilient world for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, The United States is partnering with Canada and Mexico to pursue regional energy security and combat climate change; and

WHEREAS, At the 2016 North American Leaders Summit, the United States, along with Canada and Mexico set a historic goal of achieving 50 percent clean power generation across the North American continent by 2025; and

WHEREAS, Efforts to control climate change and ensure energy security will bolster a transition to clean energy sources that increase economic competitiveness and strengthen growing industries while supporting hundreds of thousands of new jobs; and

WHEREAS, The United States' solar industry is creating jobs 12 times faster than the rest of the economy and wind generation now supports tens of thousands of American jobs; and

WHEREAS, The United States in partnership with 19 other countries, launched "Mission Innovation" to accelerate clean energy innovation around the world; and

WHEREAS, The majority of oil and gas sources are concentrated in certain regions, many of which are getting more technically challenging and more expensive to reach; and

WHEREAS, Renewable energy is domestic; providing security of supply and helping reduce our dependence on imported sources; and

WHEREAS, Clean energy plays a significant role in addressing energy needs by replacing foreign energy imports with clean and reliable home-grown electricity with the added bonus of fantastic local economic opportunities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That Council does hereby recognize October, 2016 as Energy Action Month in the City of Philadelphia.

