

# PROCLAMATION

## NATIONAL CLEAN ENERGY WEEK

**WHEREAS**, Deadwood supports an all-inclusive energy portfolio because affordable energy is the backbone of a strong economy; and

**WHEREAS**, clean energy is part of America's energy future and includes generation from renewable sources such as hydro, solar, wind and geothermal, but it also includes natural gas as well as energy storage; and

**WHEREAS**, renewable resources made up 82% of the state's total electricity produced. A significant amount of that comes from [wind power, 52%, followed by hydropower](#); and

**WHEREAS**, South Dakota is the fifth-largest producer of fuel ethanol in the nation, producing [around 8% of the United States total fuel ethanol production](#). The state is also fourth in ethanol capacity, with a capacity of 1.4 million gallons annually; and

**WHEREAS**, in South Dakota, the clean energy sector provides over [13,000 jobs](#); and

**WHEREAS**, we must harness the power of South Dakota's entrepreneurs and small businesses and promote government collaboration to ensure South Dakota and the United States continue to lead with energy in the global marketplace and provide low-cost, reliable energy here at home;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David R. Ruth, Jr., Mayor of the City of Deadwood; do hereby proclaim September 25-29, 2023 as **National Clean Energy Week** in Deadwood.

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David Ruth Jr., Mayor