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PROCLAMATION: ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY 2021

WHEREAS, energy efficiency is the cheapest, quickest, and cleanest way to meet West Chester University of Pennsylvania's energy needs, avoid dangerous pollution, and reduce utility bills on behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and our community of students, faculty, and staff; and

WHEREAS, implementing energy efficiency and other clean energy policies and programs can help boost teaching and research opportunities on campus and economic opportunities throughout the Commonwealth for our graduates, while continuing to move West Chester University toward a sustainable future; and

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

WHEREAS, for institutions of higher education like ours that are trying to tackle carbon emissions and harmful pollution, energy efficiency can get us about halfway toward our emissions reduction goals; and

WHEREAS, energy efficiency makes our residence halls and apartments, academic buildings, and administrative and facilities workspaces healthier, safer, and more comfortable; and

WHEREAS, cutting energy waste saves businesses, colleges and universities, and U.S. households billions of dollars on their utility bills every year; and

WHEREAS, the students, faculty, staff, alumni, and neighbors of West Chester University can continue to contribute to our energy efficiency efforts by learning about and participating in the implementation of our *WCU Strategic Plan: Sustainability Priority*; 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;

THEREFORE I, Dr. Christopher Fiorentino, President of West Chester University of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim the first Wednesday in October as "**ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY**" at West Chester University, and urge students, faculty, and staff to join us in supporting our climate and clean energy goals and moving toward more energy efficiency now and in the future.

PROCLAIMED at West Chester University on this 6th day of October, 2021.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Fiorentino".

Christopher Fiorentino, Ph.D.
President, West Chester University

A handwritten date in blue ink that reads "10/6/21".

Date