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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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SCAVELLO, COSTA, FONTANA, DINNIMAN, YUDICHAK, STEFANO AND  
FARNESE, SEPTEMBER 29, 2020

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 29, 2020

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of September 21 through 25, 2020, as "Clean  
2 Energy Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Across this Commonwealth, clean and readily abundant  
4 forms of energy are powering more homes and businesses than ever  
5 before; and

6 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is committed to clean and renewable  
7 energy that benefits our economy and environment; and

8 WHEREAS, Clean and renewable energy is part of this  
9 Commonwealth's energy future and includes generation from  
10 multiple renewable resources; and

11 WHEREAS, The clean and renewable energy sector is a growing  
12 part of this Commonwealth's economy, growing at a current rate  
13 of 6% annually, which is five times faster than Statewide job  
14 growth, and has been a key driver of economic growth in this  
15 Commonwealth in recent years, with the number of jobs in the  
16 clean and renewable energy sector in this Commonwealth now  
17 standing at more than 90,000; and

1       WHEREAS, The production costs of clean and renewable energy  
2 are now the lowest in United States history, averaging \$45 per  
3 megawatt hour, and are steadily declining as clean and renewable  
4 technologies continue to improve; and

5       WHEREAS, These trends, emerging through a broad base of  
6 project developers and investors, especially the Pennsylvania  
7 banking sector, are making clean and renewable energy projects  
8 more accessible than ever before to Pennsylvania farms,  
9 communities and local governments; and

10       WHEREAS, Under Senate Bill No. 705, the Community Solar Act,  
11 Pennsylvania ratepayers can join together, reduce their utility  
12 bills, increase their use of clean and renewable energy and  
13 benefit from streamlining of regulations and cutting of red tape  
14 when building community solar projects; and

15       WHEREAS, The United States Department of Defense and its  
16 partners in the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans  
17 Affairs have, through their infrastructure efficiency upgrades,  
18 power generation modernization and clean energy generation  
19 projects at Fort Indiantown Gap and across numerous sites in  
20 this Commonwealth, set a new standard for National Guard and  
21 Reserve installations across the country and are continuing to  
22 promote national security through the domestic development of  
23 clean and renewable energy, thereby reducing our dependence on  
24 foreign sources of energy; therefore be it

25       RESOLVED, That the Senate designate September 21 through 25,  
26 2020, as "Clean Energy Week" in Pennsylvania.