

CAREERS IN ENERGY WEEK

WHEREAS, Energy serves as the bedrock of our way of life. Energy shows up at the flip of a switch or the turn of a dial to do the work of the people of Tennessee. It weaves in and out of every life – invisible to most, but essential to all. An invisible matrix of power pulses throughout all modern human endeavors, felt but not seen, often overlooked but never missing; and

WHEREAS, Energy generates commerce and fuels economic growth. It supplies the basic things in life---heating, cooling, lighting---and supports modern society's complex systems patient care, air traffic control, running a business or even a state. It makes possible the fun things in life – lights the baseball field, air conditioning at the theater, rides at the fair; and

WHEREAS, Energy provides careers to tens of thousands of Tennesseans who serve in every community. Energy careers range from line workers to engineers, construction specialists to accountants, chemists to environmentalists, maintenance laborers to executives---all valued, all essential, and all local jobs; and

WHEREAS, In order to preserve continuity and meet the new challenges of a growing economy, new workers are needed to provide a bridge into the future by replacing retiring workers and to maintain a skilled and engineering workforce; and

WHEREAS, through strategic partnerships, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), Tennessee Energy Industry and Construction Consortium (TEICC) and the Tennessee Renewable Energy & Economic Development Council (TREEDC) strives to promote a unified and results-oriented effort to ensure people find new and rewarding careers in energy so that Tennessee can continue to grow and prosper;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. H. Graham III, Mayor of the City of Crossville, Tennessee, do hereby proclaim February 10-14, 2014 as **CAREERS IN ENERGY WEEK** in Crossville, Tennessee.