

1.1 A Senate resolution
1.2 recognizing 2020 Clean Energy Week in the State of Minnesota.

1.3 **WHEREAS**, across Minnesota and the United States, clean and readily abundant forms of
1.4 energy are powering more homes and businesses than ever before; and

1.5 **WHEREAS**, clean and affordable energy, including local generation from renewable sources
1.6 such as wind, solar, and hydro; carbon-free sources such as nuclear, carbon capture natural gas and
1.7 carbon capture coal; and innovative sources such as energy efficiency and energy storage are part
1.8 of Minnesota's present and future; and

1.9 **WHEREAS**, clean energy is an important source of local jobs, which cannot be outsourced
1.10 due to the on-site nature of construction, installation, and maintenance; and

1.11 **WHEREAS**, jobs from clean energy activities have led employment growth in Minnesota,
1.12 growing at over five times the rate of all jobs in Minnesota's economy, and can provide a critical
1.13 boost to Minnesota's needed economic recovery following the COVID-19 pandemic; and

1.14 **WHEREAS**, clean energy developments have provided a boon to local taxpayers, as the
1.15 wind production tax alone has provided more than \$100,000,000 in revenue to county governments;
1.16 these revenues provide funding for public safety, road and bridge projects, and tax burden relief
1.17 for local property taxpayers; and

1.18 **WHEREAS**, Minnesota farmers, landowners, and businesses benefit from diversified and
1.19 passive revenues to host renewable development projects, receiving over \$26,000,000 in wind host
1.20 lease payments in 2019 alone; and

1.21 **WHEREAS**, raw materials from Minnesota's mines provide critical resources needed to
1.22 construct renewable energy generation across the United States; Minnesota workers benefit from
1.23 this position of national leadership; and

2.1 **WHEREAS**, clean and affordable energy upholds Minnesota's heritage of a competitive and
2.2 active economy while preserving our rich natural resources and heritage for future generations; and

2.3 **WHEREAS**, Clean Energy Week brings together preeminent business leaders, advocates,
2.4 policymakers, and trade associations dedicated to a clean energy future; and

2.5 **WHEREAS**, National Clean Energy Week is an annual awareness week to recognize the
2.6 value of clean energy to America, including well-paying jobs across the country, economic growth,
2.7 energy independence, consumer choice, lower energy prices, and a cleaner environment; and

2.8 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Senate of the State of Minnesota that it
2.9 commemorates the week of September 21 to 25, 2020, as Clean Energy Week.