## Proclamation



## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION WINTER READY DC DAY

OCTOBER 6, 2016

WHEREAS, District of Columbia residents can suffer during severe winter weather conditions with extremely cold temperatures, ice and heavy rain storms, blizzard conditions, strong winds and dangerous wind chills, and heavy accumulations of snow; and

WHEREAS, severe winter weather can cause power outages, interruptions in telecommunications, natural gas services, injury and death from cold exposure, over-exertion or heart attacks due to snow removal, traffic accidents on icy roads, fallen trees, and fire and carbon monoxide poisoning caused by improper indoor use of heat sources; and

WHEREAS, winter heating costs consume a large portion of a household's budget. Residents can reduce their overall energy costs by conducting a home energy audit, finding and eliminating leaks, adding installation where needed, servicing their heating system and using energy efficient light bulbs; and

WHEREAS, the Public Service Commission Winter Ready DC campaign encourages all residents to create an "Energy Preparedness Plan" for their homes during the winter season:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim October 6, 2016 in Washington, DC as "PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION" WINTER READY DC DAY".



