



Proclamation

WHEREAS, every year communities like ours face emergencies from natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2022, Hurricane Ian made a destructive path through the City of Bartow, leaving devastation in its tracks, and the community without electrical power; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bartow has owned and operated a non-generating municipal electric system since 1903, it covers a service territory of 115 square miles; Bartow's electrical grid must be maintained and operational 24/7/365 despite inclement weather; and

WHEREAS, electrical emergency response crews began to arrive within the first 24 hours after they received the City's request for assistance in the restoration of power; and

WHEREAS, a total of 231-line workers and tree trimmers from 50 utilities across the United States worked 14-15 hours each day to ensure quick restoration of electric energy to all of Bartow's utility customers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bartow and its citizens wish to express their sincere appreciation and gratitude to the hardworking individuals for their recovery efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steve Githens, as Mayor of the City of Bartow, do hereby proclaim November 21, 2022, as:

"Hurricane Ian Line Workers & Tree Trimmers Appreciation Day"

in the City of Bartow, Florida and encourage all residents and businesses to acknowledge the fast recovery efforts of the following crews:

City of Bartow Electric Utility	27 Line Workers	Town of Littleton, Massachusetts	4 Line Workers
Dalton Utilities, Dalton Georgia	10 Line Workers	Town of Groton, Massachusetts	2 Line Workers
City of Highland, Illinois	4 Line Workers	Town of Belmont, Massachusetts	2 Line Workers
Kansas City Board of Public Utilities	5 Line Workers	Town of Marblehead, Massachusetts	2 Line Workers
City of Pratt, Kansas	5 Line Workers	Town of Hingham, Massachusetts	3 Line Workers
Baldwin City, Kansas	2 Line Workers	Town of Braintree, Massachusetts	4 Line Workers
City of Alexandria, Minnesota	2 Line Workers	City of Taunton, Massachusetts	3 Line Workers
City of Austin, Minnesota	3 Line Workers	Town of Wakefield, Massachusetts	3 Line Workers
City of Anoka, Minnesota	2 Line Workers	City of Peabody, Massachusetts	2 Line Workers
City of Brainerd, Minnesota	2 Line Workers	Town of Reading, Massachusetts	2 Line Workers
City of Buffalo, Minnesota	2 Line Workers	Town of Danvers, Massachusetts	2 Line Workers
City of Elk River, Minnesota	2 Line Workers	City of Holyoke, Massachusetts	3 Line Workers
City of Marshall, Minnesota	3 Line Workers	City of Chicopee, Massachusetts	2 Line Workers
Missouri River Energy Services	2 Line Workers	Town of Sterling, Massachusetts	2 Line Workers
City of Moorhead, Minnesota	4 Line Workers	Town of Holden, Massachusetts	2 Line Workers
City of New Ulm, Minnesota	3 Line Workers	Town of West Boylston, Massachusetts	1 Line Workers
City of Owatonna, Minnesota	3 Line Workers	Town of Mansfield, Massachusetts	2 Line Workers
City of Rochester, Minnesota	6 Line Workers	Town of Norwood, Massachusetts	2 Line Workers
City of Shakopee, Minnesota	2 Line Workers	Town of Wellesley, Massachusetts	2 Line Workers
City of Wilmar, Minnesota	2 Line Workers	Town of Wallingford, Connecticut	2 Line Workers
Minnesota Municipal Utilities Assoc.	2 Line Workers	City of Gainesville, Florida	12Line Workers
Town of Middleton, Massachusetts	3 Line Workers	City of Austin, Texas	17Line Workers
Town of Groveland, Massachusetts	2 Line Workers	The Davey Tree Expert Company	38 Trimmers
Town of Rowley, Massachusetts	2 Line Workers	Osmose Utilities Services Inc.	13 Assessors
Town of Merrimac, Massachusetts	2 Line Workers	Florida Municipal Power Agency (FMPA)	2 Assessors

DATED at Bartow, Polk County, Florida, this 21st day of November, 2022.

CITY OF BARTOW

By: 
Mayor Steve Githens

ATTEST WITH SEAL:

By: 
Asst. City Clerk Donna Donaldson

