

**RESOLUTION 2010R-
of the
CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS**

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Supporting Earth Hour 2010.

Whereas, our Minneapolis community is deeply concerned about the impacts of climate change and the future health and well-being of our planet and believes energy efficiency, natural resource conservation, and a demand by the voting public for action by elected officials are important element to combating climate change; and

Whereas, Earth Hour is both an international and local symbolic event organized by World Wildlife Fund to raise awareness about climate change issues, to encourage businesses, individuals and government to take actions to reduce their carbon emissions and their impact on the environment in their daily lives and operations; and

Whereas, Earth Hour asks all citizens, businesses, government agencies, and commercial and non-commercial establishments to turn off all non-essential lighting for one hour beginning at 8:30 pm on March 28, 2009 and to encourage citizens and businesses to commit to actions they can take in the coming year to reduce their carbon footprints and conserve energy; and

Whereas, in Minnesota 35% of Greenhouse Gas emissions comes from electricity; and

Whereas, those Minneapolis buildings participating in Twin Cities "Lights Out" Campaign are to be commended for turning off lights during spring and fall bird migration in order to reduce the risk of birds hitting tall office buildings during the night; and

Whereas, the Minnesota Energy Challenge is a great way for Minneapolis residents and businesses to learn more about how they can reduce their energy use and combat climate change; and

Whereas, in 2008 and 2009 the City of Minneapolis and many area businesses and residents participated in Earth Hour, and

Whereas, Saturday, March 27, 2010 from 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm has been designated international Earth Hour; and

Whereas, cities and states across the country are joining to raise awareness and demonstrate our nation's commitment to fighting climate change by supporting "Earth Hour";

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the City of Minneapolis proclaims March 27, 2010 from 8:30 – 9:30 p.m. as "Earth Hour" and call upon all residents and businesses to join in supporting the aims and goals of this effort, including turning off lights as much as possible.

Be It Further Resolved that on March 27, 2010, the city will participate in Earth Hour by turning off all uses of electricity in municipal buildings not required for life, safety or operations, and will turn off the decorative lighting on the Stone Arch Bridge and the City Hall Clock tower in order to conserve energy and raise awareness about global climate change.