

RESOLUTION NO. 100241

Urging the City of Kansas City, Missouri, other area municipalities, public and private businesses and individuals to support "Earth Hour 2010" by turning off their lights for one hour, from 8:30 pm until 9:30 pm on Saturday, March 27, 2010.

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2010, the world will once again observe "Earth Hour" when hundreds of millions of people, organizations, corporations and governments around the world will come together to make a bold statement about their concern for climate change by turning off their lights for one hour between the 8:30pm and 9:30 pm; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, participants will turn off their lights, sending a clear message that we want to "turn out the lights" on dirty air, dangerous dependency on foreign oil and costly climate change impacts, and make the switch to cleaner air, a strong economic future and a more secure nation; and

WHEREAS, since its inception three years ago, Earth Hour has become a global phenomenon; and

WHEREAS, nearly one billion people turned out for Earth Hour 2009, involving 4,100 cities in 87 countries on seven continents; and

WHEREAS, last year, 80 million Americans and 318 U.S. cities officially voted for action with their light switch; and

WHEREAS, last year, landmarks from around the world went dark for Earth Hour, including: the Empire State Building; the Brooklyn Bridge; Broadway Theater Marquee; the Las Vegas Strip; United Nations Headquarters; the Golden Gate Bridge; Seattle's Space Needle; Church of Latter-Day Saints Temple; the Gateway Arch in St Louis; the Great Pyramids of Giza; the Acropolis and Parthenon in Athens; Christ the Redeemer Statue in Rio de Janeiro; St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City; Big Ben and Houses of Parliament in London; Elysee Palace and Eiffel Tower in Paris; Beijing's Bird Nest and Water Cube; Symphony of Lights in Hong Kong; and Sydney's Opera House; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri is an official Earth Hour 2010 state and the Governor's residence will turn off its lights for Earth Hour; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kansas City, Missouri, citizens should pledge to participate in this year's Earth Hour; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health, or safety; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

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That the Mayor and Council urges the City of Kansas City, Missouri, other area municipalities, public and private businesses and individuals to support "Earth Hour 2010" by turning off their lights for one hour, from 8:30 pm until 9:30 pm on Saturday, March 27, 2010.

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