



City of Saint Paul

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Legislation Text

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Declaring Saturday March 31, 2012 at 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. to be "Earth Hour" in the City of Saint Paul.

WHEREAS, March 31, 2012, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. has been designated as "Earth Hour" by the World Wildlife Fund as a reminder that, by working together, people can make a positive impact in the fight against climate change; and

WHEREAS, in this, the 5th annual Earth Hour, 135 countries, over 5,000 towns and cities, representing hundreds of millions of people world-wide, will turn off their lights for 60 minutes to raise awareness and demonstrate commitment to addressing climate change, making Earth Hour the largest voluntary action for the environment; and

WHEREAS, more than one-third of Greenhouse Gas emissions comes from electricity - making it vitally important to decrease our reliance on electricity and non-essential lighting; and

WHEREAS, throughout the world Earth Hour celebrations can be observed by dimmed lights at the Sydney Opera House, Beijing's Forbidden City, the world's tallest building in Taipei, Taiwan, the Kremlin, the Pyramids in Egypt, Capetown's Table Mountain, the Coliseum, the Eiffel Tower, Big Ben, Christ the Redeemer Statue in Brazil, the Statue of Liberty, the Empire State Building and the Golden Gate Bridge; and

WHEREAS, Saint Paul businesses, organizations and individuals throughout the City will be participating in this year's Earth Hour with dimmed lights in the following prominent buildings and locations evidencing the City's support:

- Minnesota State Capitol
- Saint Paul City Hall/Ramsey County Courthouse
- Xcel Energy Center
- Wells Fargo Place
- Landmark Center
- RiverCentre
- Saint Paul Central Library
- Rice Park

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Saint Paul City Council, hereby proclaims, March 31, 2012 from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. as Earth Hour in the City of Saint Paul and calls upon all Saint Paul residents and businesses to turn off nonessential lights for Earth Hour and join in supporting the aims and goals of this local and international effort; and

RESOLVED, that the Saint Paul City Council and Mayor strongly encourages all of its units of government, residents, businesses, non-profit organizations, and houses of worship to turn off all non-essential lights March 31, 2012 from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.; and

RESOLVED, that the Saint Paul City Council and Mayor are committed to moving *Beyond the Hour* by making permanent, long-term improvements in our day-to-day lives and encourage all of its units of government, residents, businesses, non-profit organizations, and houses of worship to make similar

commitments.