

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 13-0103R  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: Councilmember Mosby, President Young, Councilmembers Stokes, Kraft,  
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**A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING**

**Earth Hour – March 23, 2013**

FOR the purpose of inviting all Baltimoreans to join with City government and millions of individuals and institutions worldwide in observing Earth Hour by turning off non-essential lighting from 8:30pm to 9:30pm on Saturday, March 23, 2013, and urging all of us to use Earth Hour as an opportunity to commit to take action for the planet beyond the hour.

**Recitals**

Climate change is a genuine and growing threat worldwide and to Baltimore in particular. Despite this all too real truth, too few people are fully aware of the facts about climate change and the many simple ways that each of us can act to reduce its causes.

For many years, the World Wildlife Fund has organized an annual “Earth Hour” to raise awareness about climate change, its causes, and solutions that we can pursue together. In recognition of Earth Hour, individuals and institutions worldwide turn off non-essential lighting for an hour as a symbol of their commitment to take action for the planet against climate change beyond the hour.

On March 23, 2013, from 8:30pm to 9:30pm, Baltimore City government, and many of Baltimore’s most recognizable institutions and landmarks, will be taking part in Earth Hour for the 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. In recognition of this event the following local institutions, and many others, plan to go dark:

- Baltimore City Hall
- War Memorial Building
- Municipal Employees Credit Union Building
- Benton Building
- Abel Wolman Building
- National Aquarium in Baltimore
- Domino Sugar Sign
- Bromo Seltzer Tower
- USS Constellation
- Hard Rock Cafe
- Rusty Scupper Restaurant
- Stieff Silver Sign
- PricewaterhouseCoopers

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

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1 We hope that all Baltimoreans will consider participating in Earth Hour as well by similarly  
2 turning off their non-essential lighting from 8:30pm to 9:30pm on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Observance of this  
3 event together can serve as a time for us all to reflect as a community on the steps that we can  
4 take to begin to mitigate and reverse climate change.

5 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the  
6 Council invites all Baltimoreans to join with City government and millions of individuals and  
7 institutions worldwide in observing Earth Hour by turning off non-essential lighting from  
8 8:30pm to 9:30pm on Saturday, March 23, 2013, and urges all of us to use Earth Hour as an  
9 opportunity to commit to take action for the planet beyond the hour.

10 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Director of the  
11 Office of Sustainability, the Director of General Services, the Mayor, and the Mayor's  
12 Legislative Liaison to the City Council.