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INTRODUCTORY*

CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL R
(Resolution)

Introduced by: Councilmember Mosby

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

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 5th 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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Council invites 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 urges all of us to use Earth Hour as an opportunity to commit to take action for the planet beyond the hour.

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

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