

1 [Resolution Supporting Earth Hour]

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3 **Resolution to support extinguishing all non-essential lighting in all city government**  
4 **buildings, public schools and public landmarks for the hour between 8:00 PM and**  
5 **9:00 PM on March 29, 2008 to conserve energy as part of the city-wide energy**  
6 **conservation event: Earth Hour San Francisco, and establishing March 29, 2008 as**  
7 **Earth Hour San Francisco Day.**  
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9 WHEREAS, San Francisco’s greenhouse gas emissions target is a 20% reduction  
10 below 1990 levels by the year 2012 and our community has taken a leadership position  
11 demonstrating to the world that energy conservation is important and attainable; and,

12 WHEREAS, Earth Hour San Francisco is a city-wide energy conservation event  
13 organized in partnership with the World Wildlife Fund focused on turning off all non-essential  
14 lighting in San Francisco for one hour and encouraging each household to install energy-  
15 efficient light bulbs and to encourage San Franciscans to commit to actions they can take in  
16 the coming year to reduce their carbon footprints and conserve energy; and,

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18 WHEREAS, San Francisco hosted a successful “Lights Out San Francisco” event in  
19 October 2007 that promoted energy conservation, and leaders of Lights Out San Francisco  
20 are supporting San Francisco Earth Hour 2008; and,

21 WHEREAS, Earth Hour San Francisco will distribute free energy-efficient light bulbs to  
22 residents throughout San Francisco prior to and on March 29, 2008; and,

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24 WHEREAS, Turning off non-essential lighting for one-hour will result in a 10 to 15%  
25 energy savings the night of the event; and,

1           WHEREAS, If every household installs one CFL, annual energy savings will reach  
2 approximately 18 Gigawatt hours per year, or 1.3% of total residential energy demand; and,

3           WHEREAS, the Earth Hour event will be used as a tool to inform local residents and  
4 businesses about local resources for energy efficiency measures and to engage San  
5 Franciscans in making these changes;

6           WHEREAS, The City of San Francisco is an internationally recognized leader in  
7 environmental conservation action; and,

8           WHEREAS, Extinguishing non-essential lights in all city government buildings, public  
9 schools and public landmarks for one hour will send a clear message to the world about the  
10 importance of energy conservation and position San Francisco as a leader in the effort to  
11 stop climate change; and,

12           WHEREAS, Working with the World Wildlife Fund, the city of Sydney, Australia turned  
13 out its lights for one hour, including the lights on the Sydney Opera House, saving more than  
14 24.86 tons of carbon dioxide – the equivalent of taking 48,613 cars off the road for one-hour;  
15 and,

16           WHEREAS, Turning non-essential lights off in all city government buildings, public  
17 schools and public landmarks will serve as an important rallying point for the city-wide energy  
18 conversation event Earth Hour San Francisco; and, therefore be it,

19           RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco endorses Earth Hour San  
20 Francisco's efforts to conserve energy and raise awareness around global climate change;  
21 and, be it,

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco encourages all city  
2 employees to turn off all non-essential lighting in city government buildings, public schools  
3 and public landmarks for the hour between 8:00 and 9:00 PM on March 29, 2008 to conserve  
4 energy and raise awareness about global climate change as part of the city-wide energy  
5 conservation event: Earth Hour San Francisco; and, be it;

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors declares March  
7 29, 2008 to be "Earth Hour San Francisco" day in the City and County of San Francisco.  
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