



The City of Minneapolis



A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

By Reich

Supporting Earth Hour 2016.

Whereas, our Minneapolis community is deeply concerned about the impacts of climate change and the future health and well-being of our planet and believes energy efficiency and natural resource conservation are important elements to combat climate change; and

Whereas, Earth Hour is both an international and local symbolic event organized by World Wildlife Fund to raise awareness about climate change issues, to encourage businesses, individuals, and government to take actions to reduce their carbon emissions and their impact on the environment in their daily lives and operations; and

Whereas, Earth Hour invites individuals, businesses, governments, and communities to turn off all non-essential lighting for one hour on Saturday, March 19, 2016, at 8:30 p.m. to show their support for environmentally sustainable action; and

Whereas, the Minneapolis Climate Action Plan, adopted in June of 2013, provides a roadmap for reducing citywide greenhouse gas emissions; and

Whereas, Minneapolis' Clean Energy Partnership, which received a 2016 Climate Leadership Award in the Innovative Partnerships category for addressing climate change, is a first-of-its-kind City-utility partnership that sets an example nationwide; and

Whereas, Saturday, March 19, 2016, from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. has been designated International Earth Hour; and

Whereas, cities and states across the country are joining to raise awareness and demonstrate our nation's commitment to fighting climate change by supporting "Earth Hour";

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That on March 19, 2016, from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. the City will participate in Earth Hour by turning off all uses of electricity in municipal buildings not required for life, safety, or operations, and will turn off the decorative lighting on the City Hall Clock Tower in order to conserve energy and raise awareness about global climate change.

Be It Further Resolved that residents of Minneapolis are encouraged to participate in Earth Hour and reduce their energy usage during every hour of the year.

Be It Further Resolved that we encourage all Minneapolis businesses to participate in Earth Hour.

Passed, March 18, 2016

Barbara Johnson, President of the Council

Approved:

Betsy Hodges, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Carl, City Clerk