



AGENDA REQUEST

COMMISSION MEETING DATE: _____

March 16, 2009

AGENDA

ITEM NO: _____

BY: Environmental Services

William Hallisey

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Originating Department

Department Head

Presenter

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Scheduled Presentations

Commission Presentations _____

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Board Actions _____

New Business

Public Hearings _____

Board Appointments

SUBJECT

Proposed Resolution No. 09R-2082 supporting "Earth Hour" between 8:30 PM and 9:30 PM on March 28, 2009.

EXPLANATION: (for additional space, use separate sheet of paper)

Environmental Services requests that the City Commission proclaim March 28, 2009 as "World Wildlife Fund's Earth Hour Day" and the hour from 8:30 PM to 9:30 PM as "Earth Hour," during which time citizens, government agencies and commercial and non-commercial establishments will be asked to turn off all nonessential lighting to raise awareness about climate change issues.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

Motion to adopt Resolution 09R-2082.

Department Head Initials: _____

Director Initials: _____

City Manager/ City Auditor &
Clerk/ City Attorney Initials: _____

Funding Source: N/A

Funding Amount: _____

Finance Director Initials: _____

AGENDA DISPOSITION

COMMISSION ACTION:

Final Action Motion:

Motion By: _____

Second By: _____

Vote: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 09R-2082

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SARASOTA, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING MARCH 28, 2009 AS "EARTH HOUR" DAY AND SUPPORTING THE EXTINGUISHING OF ALL NONESSENTIAL LIGHTING IN ALL CITY GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS BETWEEN 8:30 PM AND 9:30 PM ON THAT DAY TO RAISE AWARENESS OF GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE; PROVIDING FOR READING BY TITLE ONLY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Sarasota are concerned about the impacts of climate change and the future health and well-being of our planet; and

WHEREAS, "Earth Hour" is both an international and local symbolic event organized by World Wildlife Fund to raise awareness of climate change issues and to encourage businesses, individuals and government to take actions to reduce their carbon emissions; and

WHEREAS, all citizens, government agencies, and commercial and non-commercial establishments are being asked to turn off all non-essential lighting for one hour, beginning at 8:30 PM on March 28, 2009, and to commit to actions in the coming year that will reduce their carbon footprints and conserve energy; and

WHEREAS, "Earth Hour" will be used to inform local residents and businesses about tools available within the community to assist them in increasing energy efficiency, decreasing carbon emissions, and conserving natural resources; and

WHEREAS, extinguishing nonessential lights in all City government buildings for one hour and urging all other local government, businesses and citizens to do the same will send a clear message that the people of the City of Sarasota are concerned about climate change, are standing with the rest of the world in seeking solutions; and are demanding that elected leaders act immediately to take measures to fight global climate change, including the passage of legislation and good-faith participation in global climate treaty negotiations in Copenhagen in December 2009; and

WHEREAS, turning nonessential lights off in all City government buildings will serve as an important rallying point for the City's own energy conservation efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SARASOTA, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The City of Sarasota endorses efforts by World Wildlife Fund through "Earth Hour" to raise awareness of global climate change and energy efficiency.

Section 2. The City of Sarasota encourages all City employees to turn off all nonessential lighting in City government buildings from 8:30 to 9:30 PM on March 28, 2009 to conserve energy and raise awareness about global climate change as part of a city-wide energy conservation event, "Earth Hour City of Sarasota."

Section 3. The City Commission of the City of Sarasota declares March 28, 2009 to be "World Wildlife Fund's Earth Hour" day in the City of Sarasota.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Sarasota, upon reading by title only, after posting on the bulletin board at City Hall for at least three(3) days prior to adoption, as authorized by Article IV, Section 2 of the Charter of the City

of Sarasota, Florida, this _____ day of _____,
2009.

Lou Ann R. Palmer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Billy E. Robinson, CMC
City Auditor and Clerk