
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING EARTH HOUR BY ENCOURAGING THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII TO
TURN OFF THEIR LIGHTS FROM 8:30 P.M. TO 9:30 P.M., HAWAII
STANDARD TIME, ON MARCH 28, 2009.

1 WHEREAS, the impact of climate change is an enormous threat
2 to the condition of the planet and health of its inhabitants;
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5 WHEREAS, Earth Hour is based on Eastern Standard Time, when
6 it is evening in Hawaii, and will be observed on March 28, 2009,
7 from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Hawaii Standard Time (HST), by
8 millions of people around the globe who will be turning off
9 their lights for one hour to make a bold statement about climate
10 change; and
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12 WHEREAS, in the past, key landmark buildings such as the
13 White House, United States (U.S.) Capitol, Governor's mansion,
14 and State Capitol, were encouraged to participate; and
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16 WHEREAS, in 2008, this monumental unified call for action
17 on climate change resulted in more than 50,000,000 people
18 turning off their lights for Earth Hour; and
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20 WHEREAS, lights were turned off in the Empire State
21 Building, Golden Gate Bridge, Coliseum in Rome, and Sydney Opera
22 House, and Google's home page went dark for the day; and
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24 WHEREAS, hundreds of cities have agreed to participate in
25 Earth Hour 2009, including Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Sydney, and
26 Hong Kong; and
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28 WHEREAS, turning off lights for Earth Hour will:
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- 1 (1) Symbolically urge the U.S. Administration to lead
- 2 global efforts to secure a strong new climate change
- 3 treaty;
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- 5 (2) Support global efforts to curb deforestation, the
- 6 cause of nearly 20 percent of all carbon dioxide
- 7 emissions worldwide;
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- 9 (3) Support legislation to establish a cap-and-trade
- 10 program to lower domestic greenhouse gas emissions and
- 11 promote the establishment of a low-carbon economy
- 12 through renewable energy sources and improved energy
- 13 standards; and
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- 15 (4) Encourage the development of a preparedness strategy
- 16 to assess and cope with the impacts of climate change
- 17 on ecosystems and agriculture in the U.S.;

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21 WHEREAS, the climate is changing rapidly and its impact on
22 the environment is growing exponentially, thereby profoundly
23 affecting current and future generations; now, therefore,

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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
26 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
27 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Governor, the Mayor of
28 each county, all government entities in Hawaii, and people of
29 Hawaii are encouraged to turn off their lights from 8:30 p.m. to
30 9:30 p.m. HST on March 28, 2009, in recognition of Earth Hour.

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