

## **RESOLUTION No. 36690**

Support extinguishing all non-essential lighting in all city government buildings and public landmarks for the hour between 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on March 28, 2009 in support of Earth Hour; establish March 28, 2009 as Earth Hour Day in the City of Portland (Resolution)

WHEREAS, the City of Portland is deeply concerned about the impacts of climate change and the future health and well-being of our planet and believes energy efficiency, natural resource conservation, and collaboration between citizens and elected officials are important elements to combating 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 asks all citizens, businesses, government agencies, and commercial and non-commercial establishments to turn off all non-essential lighting for one hour beginning at 8:30 pm on March 28, 2009 and to encourage citizens and businesses to commit to actions they can take in the coming year to reduce their carbon emissions and conserve energy as we strive to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent from 1990 levels by 2050; and

WHEREAS, Earth Hour will be used as a tool to inform local residents and businesses about existing information and tools already available within the community to assist them in increasing energy efficiency and decreasing emissions and use of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Extinguishing non-essential lights in all city government buildings and public landmarks for one hour and urging all businesses and citizens to do the same will send a clear message that the people of the City of Portland are concerned about climate change, stand with the rest of the world in seeking solutions, and are demanding that elected leaders act immediately to take measures that will help fight global climate change effort to stop climate change, including the passage of legislation and good-faith participation in global climate treaty negotiations in Copenhagen in December 2009; and

WHEREAS, Turning non-essential lights off in all city government buildings and public landmarks will serve as an important rallying point for the city-wide energy conservation event Earth Hour;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City of Portland endorses efforts by World Wildlife Fund through Earth Hour to raise awareness around

global climate change and energy efficiency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Portland encourages all city employees to turn off all non-essential lighting in city government buildings and public landmarks for the hour between 8:30 and 9:30 PM on March 28, 2009 to conserve energy and raise awareness about global climate change as part of the city- wide energy conservation event: Earth Hour Portland; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Portland City Council declares March 28, 2009 to be “WWF’s Earth Hour” day in the City of Portland, and encourages citizens and businesses to participate here in Portland.

Adopted by the Council: March 18, 2009

Mayor Sam Adams  
Commissioner Randy Leonard  
Commissioner Amanda Fritz  
Commissioner Dan Saltzman  
Commissioner Nick Fish  
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Date Prepared: March 11, 2009

**GARY BLACKMER**  
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By /s/ Susan Parsons

Deputy

BACKING SHEET INFORMATION

AGENDA NO. 283-2009

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION/COUNCIL DOCUMENT NO. 36690

COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
	YEAS	NAYS
1. FRITZ	X	
2. FISH	X	
3. SALTZMAN	===	===
4. LEONARD	X	
ADAMS	X	