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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to declare 8:30pm-9:30pm on Saturday, March 19, 2016, as Earth Hour in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to increase public awareness of, and appreciation for, the natural resources of this great Empire State, as well as recognize the role all citizens have in protecting the environment and the quality of life within New York; and

WHEREAS, On Earth Hour, cities across the world ask their residents and businesses to turn off all non-essential lights for one hour in collective show of action against global warming; and

WHEREAS, This year, cities ranging from Suva, Fiji, to Chicago, Illinois, from Tel Aviv, Israel, to Copenhagen, Denmark, have pledged to observe Earth Hour; and

WHEREAS, New York State should take its place among these world sites, and give a strong show of support for this symbolic action that will have the real effect of lowering the State's carbon emissions and environmental impact; and

WHEREAS, Having iconic sites such as the Empire State Building, The Capitol, The Executive Mansion, and Niagara Falls go dark will have a deep and meaningful impact on people around the world; the time for action on global warming has come, and although Earth Hour is not the solution to the problem, it is a real start and will play an important role in galvanizing support to combat the dire threat our planet faces; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to declare 8:30pm-9:30pm on Saturday, March 19, 2016, as Earth Hour in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York.