



TOMPKINS COUNTY
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RESOLUTION NO. 01-2009 – In Support of EARTH HOUR 2009

WHEREAS, the first Earth Hour took place in March 2007 in Sydney, Australia, with more than 2.2 million people participating in an effort that darkened such iconic structures as the Sydney Opera House and the Harbour Bridge and resulted in a 10% drop in energy dosage – double what had been predicted, and

WHEREAS, by Proclamation of the Chair of the Tompkins County Legislature, Tompkins County participated in Earth Hour in 2008, and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, March 28, 2009, from 8:30 PM to 9:30 PM many cities and countless individuals will turn off the lights for one hour as part of a global event symbolizing support for action on climate change, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tompkins County Environmental Management Council supports this global effort and requests the Tompkins County Legislature to issue a proclamation designating 8:30 PM to 9:30 PM on March 28, 2009, as Earth Hour 2009 in Tompkins County and asking all residents, businesses and governments to participate in this symbolic act in support of combating climate change, the gravest threat our planet has faced.

Date: March 11, 2009

Voting In Favor: 15

Voting Against: 0

Abstentions: 0