

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-___

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE
COUNTY OF SUMMIT
STATE OF COLORADO**

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE PERIOD FROM 8:30 P.M. TO 9:30 P.M. ON SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2010 AS “EARTH HOUR”

WHEREAS, the period from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 27, 2010 has been designated as “Earth Hour” to remind everyone that, by working together, we can reduce greenhouse gas emissions with energy conservation and efficiency to thereby reduce our community’s carbon footprint; and

WHEREAS, during Earth Hour all citizens, businesses and governments are being requested to turn off all non-essential lighting to conserve energy and reduce their impact on the environment; and

WHEREAS, cities and states across the country are joining together to raise awareness and demonstrate our nation’s commitment to fighting climate change by supporting Earth Hour; and

WHEREAS, during Earth Hour lights will be turned off at facilities around the world including the iconic landmarks of the Golden Gate Bridge, the Empire State Building, the Great Pyramids of Giza and the Eiffel Tower, and Summit County is proud to join the effort by turning off its non-essential lighting in government buildings during Earth Hour; and

WHEREAS, Summit County encourages all citizens, visitors and businesses to participate in Earth Hour by turning off non-essential lights and to commit to actions in the coming year to reduce their energy consumption and carbon footprint; and

WHEREAS, Earth Hour is a symbolic international event to encourage a better vision for energy efficiency and conservation to protect our future and that of future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Summit County Board of County Commissioners has been very concerned about the environment and conservation of natural resources and has engaged in a number of steps to encourage emergency conservation and efficiency including:

- Adoption of the Summit Sustainable Building Code to increase the energy efficiency and reduce the environmental impact of residential housing units in the County.
- Construction of the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) to allow for large-scale, efficient recycling operations in Summit County.
- Completion of an energy audit of County facilities and implementation of recommended energy efficiency improvements such as lighting replacements, mechanical and control systems upgrades and improved building insulation.

- Completion of a renewable energy feasibility study for all County facilities to help develop economically feasible systems such as solar photovoltaic (PV), wind, solar thermal, and geothermal technology.
- Approved development of five solar PV systems at County facilities in 2010, which will generate a total of 113.8 KW of electricity. These systems will be located at the Building & Grounds Office & Garage, Community & Senior Center, Justice Center, Materials Recovery Facility and North Branch Library.
- Construction of a new Fleet Maintenance Facility that, when completed, will incorporate numerous sustainable building features, including a 10 KW solar PV system, passive solar lighting and heating, energy efficient construction, and the use of recycled materials.
- Development of a large-scale Commercial Class 1 Composting Facility and a pilot project to begin commercial collection of organic waste for composting.
- Creation of a Sustainability Task Force to develop and implement a Sustainability Action Plan for County facilities and operations that will provide direction on how to improve management practices and operating efficiency, and reduce the environmental impacts of the County's facilities, transportation, and day-to-day operations.
- Approval of a County-wide revolving loan program to be implemented in 2010 in partnership with the High Country Conservation Center and town governments that will allow homeowners to make energy efficiency improvements to their residences and repay the loans through property tax payments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF SUMMIT, STATE OF COLORADO THAT MARCH 27, 2010 FROM 8:30 P.M. TO 9:30 P.M. IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AS "EARTH HOUR" IN SUMMIT COUNTY AND CALL UPON ALL RESIDENTS AND VISITORS TO JOIN US IN SUPPORTING THE GOALS OF THIS EFFORT BY TURNING OFF ALL NON-ESSENTIAL LIGHTING.

ADOPTED THIS 9th DAY OF MARCH 2010.

**COUNTY OF SUMMIT
STATE OF COLORADO
BY AND THROUGH ITS
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Robert H. S. French, Chair

ATTEST:

Kathleen Neel, Clerk & Recorder

