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Summit County Commissioners Join in Earth Hour Proclamation and Encourage Participation in Energy Conservation Efforts

The Summit County Board of County Commissioners recently passed a resolution proclaiming the period from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 27, 2010 as “Earth Hour.” All citizens, visitors and businesses are encouraged to participate by turning off all non-essential lights and to commit to actions in the coming year to reduce their energy consumption and carbon footprint.

Since its inception three years ago, Earth Hour’s non-partisan approach has captured the world’s imagination and become a global phenomenon. Nearly one billion people turned out for Earth Hour 2009 – involving 4,100 cities in 87 countries on seven continents. Last year, 80 million Americans and 318 U.S. cities officially voted for action with their light switch, joining iconic landmarks from around the world that went dark for Earth Hour, including landmarks of the Golden Gate Bridge, the Empire State Building, the Great Pyramids of Giza and the Eiffel Tower.

Commissioner Karn Stiegelmeier noted that Summit County Government will be joining the effort by turning off its non-essential lighting in government buildings during Earth Hour and stated that, “The County is proud to join other towns and businesses to raise awareness and demonstrate its commitment to the conservation of energy and natural resources.”

The Summit County Board of County Commissioners has already engaged in numerous actions to encourage energy conservation and efficiency including adoption of the Sustainable Building Code, construction of a modern recycling facility at the landfill, development of five photovoltaic energy systems at County facilities, development of a large scale composting facility, and the completion of numerous energy efficiency measures in County facilities, just to name a few.

Please join in the observance of Earth Hour to show your support of the goals of this effort by turning off all non-essential lighting on Saturday, March 27 from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

A copy of the Board’s proclamation is attached.

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