

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature (2009)

3 HOUSE

4 RESOLUTION 1025

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution recognizing and supporting Earth Hour
8 2009; declaring a certain time on March 28, 2009, to
9 be Earth Hour in Oklahoma; directing state agencies
10 and employees to turn off nonessential lighting
11 during Earth Hour 2009; encouraging Oklahoma
12 residents to participate in Earth Hour 2009 and to
13 conserve energy; and directing distribution.

14 WHEREAS, Earth Hour is a global initiative that invites
15 individuals, businesses, governments, and communities to turn out
16 their lights for one hour on one day of the year to show their
17 support for action on climate change; and

18 WHEREAS, the Earth Hour event began in Sydney, Australia, in
19 2007, when two million people switched off their lights, and
20 continued in 2008, when more than fifty million people around the
21 globe participated; and

22 WHEREAS, Earth Hour 2009 will be held on Saturday March 28,
23 2009, between 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. local time, with the goal of
24 one billion people in one thousand cities participating; and

1 WHEREAS, as of March 16, 2009, Earth Hour 2009 has exceeded its
2 participation target with more than one thousand five hundred eight
3 cities and eighty countries committed to participate in Earth Hour
4 2009; and

5 WHEREAS, the aims of Earth Hour 2009 is to provide a platform
6 for one billion or more people from around the world to express
7 their desire for unified and urgent action on climate change, to
8 encourage more debate and conversation about climate change, to
9 influence attitudes towards energy consumption and its impact on the
10 planet, and to highlight the possibilities for change when people
11 unite and work together; and

12 WHEREAS, while Earth Hour asks people to turn out their lights
13 for one hour on March 28, it also provides an opportunity for
14 individuals, governments, and businesses to become more energy
15 efficient in the longer term; and

16 WHEREAS, while the action of turning off the lights for one hour
17 is a symbolic illustration that every person, business, and
18 government can contribute to a climate change solution, the Earth
19 Hour purpose of fighting climate change is serious and extremely
20 important to the future of our planet.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
22 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

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1 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives recognizes and
2 supports Earth Hour 2009, occurring on Saturday March 28, 2009, from
3 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

4 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives declares Saturday
5 March 28, 2009, from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. to be Earth Hour in
6 Oklahoma.

7 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives directs all state
8 agencies and state employees to turn off all nonessential lighting
9 in state government buildings and landmarks during Earth Hour 2009.

10 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representative encourages all
11 municipalities and Oklahoma residents to participate in Earth Hour
12 2009 by turning off all nonessential lighting in municipal-owned
13 buildings, homes, and businesses during the one hour on March 28 and
14 to take action in the coming year to conserve energy and reduce
15 their carbon footprint.

16 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Earth Hour
17 2009 Campaign, the Director of the Department of Central Services,
18 and the Oklahoma Municipal League.

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