

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 103

Approved FEBRUARY 29, 2008

WHEREAS, "Lights out America" is a nationwide conservation event which will occur on March 29, 2008 between the hours of 7:00 o'clock p.m. and 8:00 o'clock p.m. On this night, all of America will be asked to turn off all non-essential lighting for an hour, and to install at least one compact fluorescent light bulb (CFL) which will promote long lasting energy savings; and

WHEREAS, Our nation's growing appetite for energy must be controlled to protect our planet from the effects of the climate crisis. It is estimated that turning lights out in America for even one hour could save as much as 15 percent of the energy consumed on an average Saturday night, and the ongoing benefits of installing CFLs in your house are also significant energy savings; and

WHEREAS, By participating in "Lights Out America Day" Rhode Islanders will reduce carbon emissions into our air, preserve the natural resources used to produce this energy, set a positive precedent for the rest of the nation, and result in ongoing reduced costs for the cities, taxpayers, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, In a similar even recently held in Sydney, Australia called "Earth Hour", 2.2 million people participated. Their one hour of lights out meant that 24.86 tons of carbon dioxide were not released into the air, the equivalent of taking 48,613 cars off the road for one hour.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby strongly promotes and encourages the entire City of Providence to turn off all non-essential lights between 7:00 o'clock p.m. and 8:00 o'clock p.m. on March 29, 2008.

IN CITY COUNCIL
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