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MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim
8:30pm-9:30pm on Saturday, March 27, 2021, as Earth
Hour in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to increase public awareness of, and appreciation for, the natural resources of this great Empire State, as well as recognize the role all citizens have in protecting the environment and the quality of life within New York; and

WHEREAS, On Earth Hour, cities across the world ask their residents and businesses to turn off all non-essential lights for one hour in collective reflection of the importance of our natural world and the challenges it faces; and

WHEREAS, In 2020, millions of people at home and almost 18,000 landmarks and monuments across over 190 countries and territories switched off their light to promote awareness and conversation concerning issues of climate change, habitat loss and natural resource conservation; and

WHEREAS, New York State should once again take its place among these world sites in 2021, and demonstrate the commitment of our staid institutions, both public and private, by going dark in reflection of the environmental impacts to which our built world and daily activities unwittingly contribute; and

WHEREAS, Having iconic sites such as the Empire State Building, The Capitol, and Niagara Falls go dark will have a deep and meaningful impact on people around the world, show support for students who recently participated in demonstrations for climate change action, and catalyze new ways of thinking about how we can prosper as a society without depleting our planet's vitality; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim 8:30pm-9:30pm on Saturday, March 27, 2021, as Earth Hour in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York.