

# SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 6

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By: **Senator Gladden**

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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Earth Hour**

3 FOR the purpose of recognizing a certain hour on a certain day as Earth Hour; urging  
4 Marylanders to observe Earth Hour; urging the Governor to order that the  
5 lights in the Government House and the State Capitol complex be turned off  
6 during Earth Hour; and generally relating to Earth Hour.

7 WHEREAS, Earth Hour is a global event organized by the World Wide Fund for  
8 Nature and is held annually on the last Saturday in March from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30  
9 p.m.; and

10 WHEREAS, The hour has been designated as Earth Hour to remind everyone  
11 that, by working together, we can make a positive impact in the fight against climate  
12 change; and

13 WHEREAS, 80,000,000 Americans, eight states, and 318 cities, including  
14 Baltimore City and Montgomery Village, are raising awareness and demonstrating  
15 their commitment to supporting this event; and

16 WHEREAS, We set forth a bold vision for Maryland to work towards solutions  
17 to energy and environmental problems and the escalating climate crisis; and

18 WHEREAS, The event asks participating households, businesses, and  
19 governments to turn off all nonessential lighting between the hours of 8:30 p.m. and  
20 9:30 p.m.; and

21 WHEREAS, Millions of people in countries around the world have joined this  
22 effort to make a statement of concern regarding global warming and the need for  
23 energy efficiency; and

24 WHEREAS, A number of cities worldwide have saved notable amounts of  
25 energy simply by participating in the event for a single hour; and



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1           WHEREAS, Earth Hour will take place this year on March 27, 2010, between  
2 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.; now, therefore, be it

3           RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the  
4 General Assembly of Maryland recognizes March 27, 2010, from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
5 as Earth Hour and urges all Marylanders to observe Earth Hour and urges the  
6 Governor to order that the lights in the Government House and State Capitol complex  
7 be turned off during Earth Hour; and be it further

8           RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of  
9 Legislative Services to the Honorable Martin O'Malley, Governor of Maryland; the  
10 Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the  
11 Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates.