

**A RESOLUTION FOR PARTICIPATION IN EARTH HOUR ON MARCH 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

WHEREAS, 8:30 P.M. on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 has been designated as “Earth Hour” by the World Wildlife Fund as a reminder that, through collective action, individuals can make a positive impact in the fight against climate change; and

WHEREAS, Earth Hour 2019 aims to promote dialogue to address ecological challenges, inspire climate action, and raise awareness of the values of biodiversity; and

WHEREAS, cities and states across the country and around the world are joining with Carrboro to demonstrate a commitment to addressing climate change by supporting Earth Hour; and

WHEREAS, Earth Hour involves a simple action—turning off lights for one hour; and

WHEREAS, according to the World Wildlife Fund, 188 countries and territories as well as 18,000 landmarks switched off their lights in support of conservation and climate action in 2018, making Earth Hour the largest grassroots environmental movement in the world; and

WHEREAS, Carrboro has joined Cities for Climate Protection and is committed to reducing greenhouse emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen adopted a climate protection resolution in December 2009, accepted the Energy and Climate Protection Plan in 2014, and accepted the Community Climate Action Plan in 2017; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen that the Board of Aldermen hereby proclaims, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 8:30–9:30 P.M. as “Earth Hour” in Carrboro and calls upon all residents and businesses of Carrboro to join in supporting the aims and goals of this effort.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Carrboro Board of Aldermen directs staff to send out a public service announcement to publicize Earth Hour.

This 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019