

EARTH HOUR PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Earth Hour, organized by the World Wildlife Fund, is a global initiative that encourages individuals, businesses and governments around the world to turn off all non-essential lights for one hour on Saturday, March 27th, 2021 between 8:30 pm and 9:30 pm; and

WHEREAS, the goal of Earth Hour is to demonstrate that individual action on a mass scale can help positively impact our planet; and

WHEREAS, natural systems are vital for all our futures – and yet, the rate of global loss of nature during the past 50 years is unprecedented in human history. Nature not only provides us food, water, clean air, and other services – it is also one of our strongest allies against climate change. Protecting nature is one of the most immediate, powerful, and cost-effective solutions to the climate crisis.

WHEREAS, led by the World Wildlife Fund, hundreds of millions of people across 187 countries celebrated Earth Hour last year. Today, Earth Hour aims to increase awareness and spark global conversations on protecting nature not only to combat the climate crisis, but to ensure our own health, happiness, prosperity and even survival.

WHEREAS, City of Lafayette government will strive to turn off all non-essential lighting during Earth Hour;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Roswarski, Mayor of Lafayette, do hereby proclaim the hour between 8:30 pm and 9:30 pm on the 27th day of March, 2021, to be **Earth Hour**. I encourage all City of Lafayette residents to make a global statement of concern about climate change and to demonstrate commitment to finding solutions by turning off all non-essential lights during this time period.

**Tony Roswarski, Mayor
City of Lafayette**