

# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, I, Mayor Darwin Hindman, by resolution of the City Council, signed the Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement, along with almost 700 other American mayors, who, with other city leaders, are committed to leading their cities to act on addressing the issue, of global warming; and

WHEREAS, citizens in Sydney Australia, in 2007, began an effort, now known as Earth Hour, to help raise global awareness about global climate change by turning lights out in Sydney and the surrounding countryside for one hour and saved 25,000 tons of carbon emissions from contributing to the blanket of greenhouse gases collecting in Earth's atmosphere, garnering world attention about the effectiveness of simple efforts in combating climate change; and

WHEREAS, three years later, cities around the world and in the United States, are joining Sydney and each other to add their voices to a collective call to educate and take immediate action to reduce our individual carbon footprints in our personal lives, places of worship, schools, workplaces, buildings, modes of transportation, industry and every sector of business to reduce human contribution to global warming and the resulting climate destabilization expected to contribute to drought, flooding, devastating forest fires, more intense hurricanes, tornados, hail, ice and snow storms and other extremes in weather; and

WHEREAS, reducing our carbon footprint and our contribution to global warming creates the opportunity for major benefits to local and world economies by creating whole new industries and green jobs; and

WHEREAS, I, Mayor Darwin Hindman, and the City Council, on behalf of the citizens of Columbia, invite and challenge all United States' cities and concerned citizens around the world to join us in observing Earth Hour on either March 27, 2010 from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. or at another convenient time to raise awareness, educate and reduce our carbon footprint as we darken our homes and buildings.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Darwin Hindman, Mayor of the City of Columbia, Missouri, do hereby proclaim Saturday, March 27, 2010 from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. to be

## EARTH HOUR DAY & HOUR

in the City of Columbia and urge all citizens to become more aware of the problem of global warming and to take action in their personal and professional lives to reduce the human contribution to the problem and to extend the benefits of Earth Hour for many more hours into the future, as we work to create a sustainable life on planet Earth for generations to come.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed hereto the Seal of the City of Columbia, this 15th day of March, 2010.



Darwin Hindman, Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sheela Amin'.

Sheela Amin, City Clerk