RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, RELATING TO EARTH HOUR PARTICIPATION ON MARCH 23, 2013; URGING OTHER MUNICIPALITIES TO REGISTER AND PARTICIPATE IN EARTH HOUR; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Earth Hour is an annual international event that since its inception has been associated with the World Wildlife Fund; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Earth Hour is to draw attention to climate change and to encourage people, communities, municipalities and nations to address the issue and make proactive changes; and

WHEREAS, this year the signature annual event, when people and municipalities turn off the lights for an hour, is scheduled for March 23, 2013 between 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, according to the Earth Hour website, in 2012, more than 6950 cities and town across 152 countries and territories participated in Earth Hour; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have directed the City administration to register for participation in Earth Hour, the City shall participate in providing information to City residents to participate and will attempt to make this "Hour" a community event with activities; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council urge the Florida League of Cities, the counties and municipalities of Florida to participate in the Earth Hour event scheduled for March 23, 2013; and

WHEREAS, during the "Hour" participants shall turn off the lights in support of the Earth Hour; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council desire to participate in Earth Hour on March 23, 2013 between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. and urge City residents, other municipalities and counties in Florida to participate as well.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

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Section 1. **Recitals**. The above whereas clauses are incorporated by reference.

Section 2. **Authorization to City's Participation.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby authorize the City Clerk to register the City's participation in Earth Hour.

Section 3. **Authorization to City Clerk**. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to distribute a copy of this resolution to the Florida League of Cities, local municipalities and Miami-Dade County to encourage their participation in the Earth Hour 2013.

Section 4. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a _____ vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this _____ day of February, 2013.

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ANDRE D. PIERRE, ESQ.
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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MICHAEL A. ETIENNE, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

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REGINE M. MONESTIME
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: MAYOR ANDRE D. PIERRE

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Vote:

Mayor Andre D. Pierre, Esq.	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Vice Mayor Marie Erlande Steril	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Michael R. Blynn, Esq.	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Scott Galvin	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Jean R. Marcellus	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)