## **RESOLUTION NO. 13-112**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE WORLD WILDLIFE FUND'S (WWF) 2014 EARTH HOUR RELATING TO RAISING AWARENESS AMONG THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE; SUPPORTING THE EARTH HOUR EVENT TAKING PLACE ON MARCH 29, 2014 AT 8:30 P.M.; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER THE CITY OF DORAL INTO THE WWF'S "CITY CHALLENGE" FOR THE CHANCE AT RECEIVING A \$35,000.00 GRANT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

**WHEREAS**, the City of Doral (The "City") finds that climate change is one of the most serious issues facing our planet today; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is deeply concerned about the adverse effects of climate change and the future health and well-being of not only our planet, but our community as well; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that scientific studies emphasize that energy efficiency and natural resource conservation are important elements to combating climate change, and consequently the City Council supports efforts aimed at increasing efficiency and conservation; and

**WHEREAS,** tens of millions of people around the world will come together on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 2014, at 8:30 p.m. to make a bold statement about climate change through a simple gesture, turning off their lights for one hour (the "Earth Hour"); and

**WHEREAS,** in 2014, the World Wildlife Fund's (WWF) Earth Hour will be even better, with nearly 800 cities already committing to turn off the lights for the event, including the City of Doral as a supporting city; and

**WHEREAS**, the WWF has a "City Challenge" that allows for municipalities to compete for a grant in the amount of \$35,000.00; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of residents of the City of Doral to raise awareness of the adverse effects of climate change through their support for energy conservation event such as Earth Hour, which additionally provides a rallying point on the issue for residents of the Town.

## NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL AS FOLLOWS:

- <u>Section 1.</u> Recitals. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.
- Section 2. Support for Earth Hour. The City Council hereby supports the World Wildlife Fund's 2014 Earth Hour and the Earth Hour event on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 8:30 p.m.
- **Section 3. Grant Application.** The City Council hereby directs staff to submit a grant application in WWF's City Challenge. If successful in competing in said challenge, the City of Doral will receive a \$35,000.00 grant.
- **Section 4. City Clerk.** The City Council further directs the City Clerk to submit a copy of this Resolution to the representatives of Earth Hour.
- <u>Section 5.</u> <u>Effective Date.</u> This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Councilmember Rodriguez who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Rodriguez Aguilera and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Luigi Boria	Yes
Vice Mayor Bettina Rodriguez-Aguilera	Yes
Councilwoman Christi Fraga	Yes
Councilwoman Ana Maria Rodriguez	Yes
Councilwoman Sandra Ruiz	Yes

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9 day of OCTOBER, 2013.

LUIGI BÖRIÅ, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BARBARA HERRERA, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF DORAL ONLY:

JOHN R. HERIN, JR., CITY ATTORNEY