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SFCC Switches Off the Lights for Earth Hour

Santa Fe, NM, March 25, 2009 — Santa Fe Community College will participate in Earth Hour this year, turning off lights campus-wide at 8:30 p.m., Saturday, March 28 for one hour. Organizers of the world-wide occasion say they use the event to call attention to the issue of global warming.

“As an original signer of the Presidents Climate Commitment, I’m pleased to be able to support Earth Hour,” said SFCC President Sheila Ortego. “This is an important way to call attention to the need to reduce our carbon footprint, in our homes and in our institutions.”

By participating in the global event, SFCC joins 2,712 cities, towns and municipalities, 6,231 organizations, and such great structures as the Great Pyramid of Giza, the Acropolis, and the Empire State Building in switching off for Earth Hour, according to EarthHour.org. The event began in Sydney in 2007, when 2.2 million homes and businesses switched off their lights for one hour, according to an Earth Hour news release.

In 2008, the message had grown into a global sustainability movement, with 50 million people switching off their lights. Global landmarks such as the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, Rome’s Colosseum, the Sydney Opera House and the Coca Cola billboard in Times Square all stood in darkness.

In 2009, Earth Hour is being taken to the next level, with the goal of 1 billion people switching off their lights as part of a global vote for the earth.

About Santa Fe Community College

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