

**ENERGY STAR® Change a Light Day Proclamation**

**TOWN OF STRATHAM**

**A PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, energy efficiency is important to the Town of Stratham, because it saves consumers and businesses money, and helps protect the environment because it lessens greenhouse gas emissions and reduces air pollution; and

WHEREAS, the nation's Mayors are committed to maintaining secure, safe and affordable energy resources for their citizens; and

WHEREAS, by taking the ENERGY STAR® Change a Light pledge – citizens of Stratham have the opportunity to save energy and to help voluntarily reduce greenhouse gas emissions by switching to ENERGY STAR qualified compact fluorescent lighting products in their homes; and

WHEREAS, if every home in Stratham made this one change, our town would save 2,010,942 kWh of electricity, the environmental equivalent of removing 50.57 cars from the road while also reducing the amount of greenhouse gas emissions going into the air by 3,173,295 pounds; and

WHEREAS, Stratham is proud to do our part in this nationwide effort, celebrating this day— ENERGY STAR Change a Light Day—to promote energy efficiency and environmental stewardship in every household, by installing ENERGY STAR qualified lighting;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Selectmen accepts this pledge and encourages the citizens of Stratham to make this important change, and by virtue of the power vested in us, hereby proclaim October 4, 2006, as

**ENERGY STAR Change a Light Day**

Given under our hands and the Great Seal of the Town of Stratham this 25th day of September, A.D. 2006.

Town of Stratham, NH.  
By Its Selectmen,

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Kirk Scamman, Chair

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Martin Wool

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David Short

## **ENERGY STAR® Change a Light Day Press Release**

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### **Stratham Celebrates October 4, 2006 ENERGY STAR® Change a Light Day**

In an effort to help Stratham save energy, money, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, the Board of Selectmen is encouraging citizens of Stratham to celebrate **Wednesday October 4, 2006 as ENERGY STAR Change a Light Day**, with a pledge to change at least one light at home to an energy-efficient model.

Citizens are encouraged to switch to light fixtures or bulbs that have earned the ENERGY STAR label, which designates products that meet strict energy efficiency criteria set by the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and supported by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Lighting accounts for nearly 20 percent of the average home's electric bill. ENERGY STAR qualified light bulbs use at least two-thirds less energy than standard bulbs and last up to ten times longer. "Switching to energy-efficient lighting is an easy step we can each take to make a difference for our energy resources and our environment, all while saving money on energy bills today," said Chairman Kirk Scamman. "I am asking you to take the ENERGY STAR Change a Light pledge with me to replace at least one incandescent bulb with an ENERGY STAR qualified light bulb." Stratham residents can take the pledge at [www.energystar.gov/changealight](http://www.energystar.gov/changealight). Businesses and organizations can also show their commitment to energy efficiency and help to spread the word by posting a link to the pledge on their own Web sites.

Stratham is joining with the federal government and governors from across the country to celebrate ENERGY STAR Change a Light Day and bring attention to the critical importance of using energy wisely at home. This commemorative day is the official kickoff of the national ENERGY STAR *Change a Light, Change the World* Campaign to encourage Americans to take simple actions at home to help preserve our energy resources and reduce the risks of global climate change. The national educational campaign is run in partnership with hundreds of retail stores, manufacturers, energy efficiency organizations, and state and territory governments. This annual campaign encourages Americans to be energy aware on ENERGY STAR Change a Light Day—and all year long.

For any questions on calculating the savings or for the assumptions/documentation behind these numbers, please contact Sarah Banas, Contractor to ENERGY STAR at [changealight@cadmusgroup.com](mailto:changealight@cadmusgroup.com) or 617-673-7105.