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Denver International Airport To Turn Off Lights on Iconic Mustang Statue, Entrance Sign for Earth Hour 2016

DENVER – **March 18, 2016** – For the fourth year in a row, Denver International Airport (DEN) will participate in the worldwide celebration of Earth Hour on Saturday, March 19 by turning off for one hour the illuminated airport sign along Peña Boulevard, as well as the lights on the airport's iconic "Mustang" statue.

The airport will first turn the LED sign along eastbound/inbound Peña Boulevard green, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., in a symbolic expression of Denver's efforts to work toward a greener city and planet. The sign, along with the lights that illuminate the "Mustang" statue, will be turned off entirely from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in celebration of Earth Hour. The airport is also encouraging its employees to turn off non-essential lights during Earth Hour.

"One of our strategic priorities at Denver International Airport is to focus on the environmental, social and financial benefits of operating the nation's largest airport in a sustainable manner," said Scott Morrissey, DEN's acting senior director for sustainability. "Earth Hour creates international awareness about climate change, and represents a small symbol of our ongoing efforts to reduce costs by systematically integrating energy reduction strategies into every aspect of our operations."

The Earth Hour event will not affect operations at the airport, and the lights will be turned back on at the conclusion of the hour.

About DEN's Environmental Programs

Denver International Airport is one of the most environmentally responsible airports in the world. DEN was built with sustainability in mind 20 years ago and has a comprehensive Environmental Management System in place. The airport uses natural day-lighting, dedicated deicing pads, a comprehensive deicing fluid collection and recycling system, 400-Hz power and pre-conditioned air supplied to aircraft parked at gates to reduce emissions, and a hydrant system for fuel deliveries to reduce the potential for spills and excessive fuel truck traffic. Other energy conservation measures included high-efficiency motors for fans and other equipment, low-E insulating glass in most windows, LED lighting and a flexible modular HVAC system design. The airport also supports comprehensive composting and recycling programs, and uses compressed natural gas vehicles to reduce emissions.

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