

**EMPIRE STATE REALTY TRUST LAUNCHES
THIRD ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST:
“CAPTURE THE HEART OF NEW YORK CITY”**

New York, NY, June 30, 2014 – Empire State Realty Trust, Inc. (NYSE: ESRT) today announced the launch of its third annual photo contest: “Capture the Heart of New York City,” inviting professional and amateur photographers alike to submit images of or from the international icon, showcasing the Empire State Building (ESB) as the heart of New York City. Photographers are encouraged to enter their original, creative photos for a chance to gain international exposure and win \$5,000.

ESB fans can participate in the contest by submitting their photo entries via ESB’s Facebook page (www.Facebook.com/EmpireStateBuilding), or on Instagram or Twitter using the hashtag #ESBHeartofNYC. Entries will be accepted between Monday, June 30, 2014, and Tuesday, September 2, 2014. All photo submissions will be displayed in a gallery on ESB’s Facebook page, and ESB Facebook fans will have the opportunity to vote on and help determine “weekly winners,” that will be considered for the Grand Prize and Runners-Up photo candidates.

“When people connect with the Empire State Building, they feel the heart of New York City, and when they photograph it they capture one of the most iconic images in the world,” said Anthony E. Malkin, Chairman, President and CEO of ESRT. “ESB visitors from around the world always share and engage with images via social media. This year, we welcome submissions through Instagram and Twitter, in addition to Facebook, and make it even easier to submit and share photo entries.”

Ten weekly winners will be chosen, receive ESB prizes and automatically become a finalist for a chance to win the Grand Prize of \$5,000. A total of 51 Runners-Up will be selected. All 52 photos will be featured as the profile picture on ESB’s Facebook page over the course of 2015, and will also be featured in a display in ESB’s Fifth Avenue lobby windows.

For official contest rules and additional information about the photo contest, visit: [URL\[SH1\]](#)

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About the Empire State Building

Soaring 1,454 feet above Midtown Manhattan (from base to antenna), the Empire State Building, owned by Empire State Realty Trust, Inc., is the “World’s Most Famous Office Building.” With new investments in energy efficiency, infrastructure, public areas and amenities, the Empire State Building has attracted first-rate tenants in a diverse array of industries from around the world. The skyscraper’s robust broadcasting technology supports all major television and FM radio stations in the New York metropolitan market. The Empire State Building was named America’s favorite building in a poll conducted by the American Institute of Architects, and the Empire State Building Observatory is one of the world’s most beloved attractions as the region’s #1 tourist destination. For more information on the Empire State Building, please visit www.empirestatebuilding.com, www.facebook.com/empirestatebuilding, @EmpireStateBldg, www.instagram.com/empirestatebldg, www.youtube.com/esbnyc or www.pinterest.com/empirestatebldg/.

About Empire State Realty Trust

Empire State Realty Trust, Inc. (NYSE: ESRT), a leading real estate investment trust (REIT), owns, manages, operates, acquires and repositions office and retail properties in Manhattan and the greater New York metropolitan area, including the Empire State Building, the world’s most famous office building. Headquartered in New York, New York, the Company’s office and retail portfolio covers 8.4 million rentable square feet, as of March 31, 2014, consisting of 7.7 million rentable square feet in 12 office properties, including seven in Manhattan, three in Fairfield County, Connecticut and two in Westchester County, New York; and approximately 624,000 rentable square feet in the retail portfolio. The Company also owns land

at the Stamford, Connecticut Transportation Center that supports the development of an approximately 380,000 rentable square foot office building and garage and has recently exercised its options to acquire the ground lease of two additional Manhattan office properties encompassing approximately 1.5 million rentable square feet of office space and over 150,000 rentable square feet of retail space at the base of the buildings.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release includes “forward looking statements”. Forward-looking statements may be identified by the use of words such as “believes,” “expects,” “may,” “will,” “should,” “seeks,” “approximately,” “intends,” “plans,” “pro forma,” “estimates,” “contemplates,” “aims,” “continues,” “would” or “anticipates” or the negative of these words and phrases or similar words or phrases. The following factors, among others, could cause actual results and future events to differ materially from those set forth or contemplated in the forward-looking statements: the factors included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, including those set forth under the headings "Risk Factors," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," "Business," and "Properties." While forward-looking statements reflect the Company's good faith beliefs, they are not guarantees of future performance. The Company disclaims any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement to reflect changes in underlying assumptions or factors, of new information, data or methods, future events or other changes after the date of this press release, except as required by applicable law. For a further discussion of these and other factors that could impact the Company's future results, performance or transactions, see the section entitled “Risk Factors” in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, and other risks described in documents subsequently filed by the Company from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Prospective investors should not place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements, which are based only on information currently available to the Company (or to third parties making the forward-looking statements).

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