

**EMPIRE STATE BUILDING TO HOST EXCLUSIVE INDEPENDENCE DAY
CELEBRATION AND FIREWORKS VIEWING**

***Annual Event Offers Breathtaking Views of the Greater New York City Region and Fireworks
Shows from the World-Famous 86th Floor Observatory***

New York, NY (June 12, 2014) – On Friday, July 4, 2014, the Empire State Building (ESB) will host its annual Independence Day Celebration at the world-famous 86th Floor Observatory from 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. With breathtaking views, guests from around the world will be able to experience the return of fireworks to the East River as part of this exclusive event.

Ticket holders will be provided with VIP private access to the 80th Floor “Dare to Dream” exhibit and 86th Floor Observatory, which will be closed to the general public at approximately 6:30 p.m. and reopen at 10:00 p.m. following the fireworks show. A DJ will provide the soundtrack to the evening and a TV screen will be set up for a simulcast of the fireworks display.

Limited tickets are offered on a first-come, first-served basis, for \$175 each and can be purchased by visiting www.esbnyc.com/july4.

The Empire State Building’s Facebook page (www.facebook.com/EmpireStateBuilding) will also give fans a chance to win one (1) pair of tickets to this exclusive event. Followers of the ESB Facebook page will be asked to describe why they should win the opportunity to view the Independence Day fireworks from this one-of-a-kind vantage point. The winner will be announced on June 25, via ESB’s social media channels.

In addition to hosting the Independence Day Celebration event, the Empire State Building will shine its world-famous tower lights in patriotic red, white and blue in celebration of the holiday the evenings of Thursday, July 3 through Sunday, July 6, with dynamic red, white and blue flourishes on July 4.

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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.

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