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EMPIRE STATE REALTY TRUST TO CELEBRATE THE CHINESE LUNAR NEW YEAR WITH SPECIAL EMPIRE STATE BUILDING TOWER LIGHTING AND FESTIVE WINDOWS

World's Most Famous Office Building Commemorates Year of the Horse

New York, New York, January 28, 2014 – Empire State Realty Trust, Inc. (NYSE: ESRT) today announced the Empire State Building's plans to honor the Chinese Lunar New Year with a celebratory lighting of its world-famous tower lights and a special Lunar New Year exhibition in its Fifth Avenue lobby windows.

To kick-off the festivities, Ambassador Sun Guoxiang, Consul General of the People's Republic of China in New York, will preside over a lighting ceremony on Wednesday, January 29, 2014, at 10 a.m. The lights will shine in dynamic red-and-gold bursts to simulate traditional Chinese Lunar New Year fireworks from Thursday, January 30 through Friday, January 31, 2014.

The Empire State Building will also commemorate the Year of the Horse with a festive window exhibition opening on January 29, 2014, in the building's Fifth Avenue lobby. Renowned Chinese artist/singer GUO Feng (郭峰) has custom-designed one of the windows, and will speak about his vision and display during the lighting ceremony. The additional windows, which were designed by an array of young artists from Beijing, will feature a kaleidoscope of images and artwork illustrating a poem written nearly 1,000 years ago about the holiday. The exquisite windows echo the timeless joy of the season and symbolize a blessing from the people of China to the people of New York during the celebration.

In China, the horse signifies pioneering and galloping. It is believed to have the power of bringing good luck and new adventures to people's lives. The Chinese Lunar New Year, also known as the Spring Festival, is the biggest Chinese celebration of the year and festivities traditionally continue for at least 15 days.

2014 also marks the 35th anniversary of China-US diplomatic relations which were established on January 1, 1979.

On Thursday, January 30, and Friday, January 31, from 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. the Empire State Building in partnership with Verizon will light in the colors of the Seattle Seahawks and the Denver Broncos for its #WhosGonnaWin Super Bowl campaign. The Lunar New Year lights will resume at the conclusion of the hour and remain on the building until 2 a.m.

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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.esbny.com, www.facebook.com/empirestatebuilding, www.instagram.com/empirestatebldg, [@EmpireStateBldg](https://www.youtube.com/esbnyc), www.pinterest.com/empirestatebldg/, or

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 September 30,



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2013, consisting of 7.8 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 645,000 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 an option to acquire 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

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