

**EMPIRE STATE REALTY TRUST CELEBRATES LUNAR NEW YEAR
WITH EMPIRE STATE BUILDING LIGHT SHOW AND WINDOW DISPLAYS**

World's Most Famous Building Commemorates Year of the Monkey

New York City (February 5, 2016) – Empire State Realty Trust, Inc. (NYSE: ESRT) announced today that the Empire State Building plans to celebrate Chinese Lunar New Year with a dynamic lighting of its world-famous tower lights and a special Spring Festival window exhibition in its Fifth Avenue lobby windows.

To kick-off the festivities, Ambassador Zhang Qiyue, Consul General of the People's Republic of China in New York, will attend a lighting ceremony on Friday, February 5, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. John B. Kessler, President and Chief Operating Officer of ESRT, will provide opening remarks and lead the countdown to light ESB ceremoniously in honor of the Year of the Monkey.

On February 6, 2016, ESB will sync its world-famous tower lights to the second annual "Happy Chinese New Year: Fantastic Art China" fireworks display over the Hudson River at 8:30 p.m. EST. Created by world-renowned lighting designer Marc Brickman, in collaboration with the China Central Academy of Fine Arts (CAFA), the light show will feature dazzling effects.

The Empire State Building will also commemorate the Year of the Monkey with a festive window exhibition opening on February 2, 2016, in the building's Fifth Avenue lobby. Designed by China Arts and Entertainment Group (CAEG), the windows feature Sun Wu Kong, a well-known Chinese childhood character also known as the Monkey King. Drawing inspiration from Peking Opera facial makeup, the monkey display represents wisdom, braveness and vitality in the coming year.

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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 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 building. Headquartered in New York, New York, the Company's office and retail portfolio covers 10.1 million rentable square feet, as of September 30, 2015, consisting of 9.4 million rentable square feet in 14 office properties, including nine in Manhattan, three in Fairfield County, Connecticut and two in Westchester County, New York; and approximately 724,000 rentable square feet in the retail portfolio.

Forward-Looking Statements

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