

**EMPIRE STATE REALTY TRUST ANNOUNCES ANNUAL “ESB MOMENT”
PHOTO CONTEST WITH \$5,000 CASH PRIZE**

Entries Will Now Also be Accepted from Canada and the United Kingdom

New York, NY, August 13, 2018 – Empire State Realty Trust, Inc. (NYSE: ESRT) today announced its seventh annual photo contest for photographers to share their “Empire State Building (ESB) Moment” and have the chance to win \$5,000. For the first time, the contest will be open to participants not only in the United States, but also in Canada, and the United Kingdom. In addition to the Grand Prize, those who submit photos will compete to win one of the eight weekly prizes and a Runner-Up prize of \$1,500. Winners will also have their work displayed in the new Empire State Building Observatory.

Fans of the Empire State Building may submit their photo entry via Instagram or Twitter by using the hashtag #ESBmoment and #contest. Entrants may also submit their photos using ESB’s photo contest microsite, www.esbphotocontest.com or by texting “ESBMOMENT” to 811-811 for a link for submission*. Entries will be accepted from 4:00 PM ET on Monday, August 13, 2018, through Friday, October 5, 2018, at 11:59 PM ET. Exterior and interior shots of the building will be accepted.

“A picture is worth 1,000 words, and what better way to share a special ‘ESB moment’ than through a photographic memory,” said Anthony E. Malkin, Chairman and CEO of ESRT. “We are excited to share unique, personal perspectives of ESB as seen through the eyes of our Guests, and to give our Guests a chance for their 15 minutes of fame through the display of their winning submissions in our new \$160 million Observatory experience.”

Eight weekly winners determined by fan vote on the website will be awarded a customized goody bag and a weekly winner title. The eight winners automatically become finalists and will compete for a chance to win the Grand Prize. Winners will be announced throughout the contest on the microsite and ESB’s social media platforms.

Entrants must be over the age of 18 and legal residents of the United States, the United Kingdom, or Canada. For official contest rules and additional information about the photo contest, visit www.esbphotocontest.com.

*For US Entrants only: Charges and restrictions of the mobile platform provider may apply.

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 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 June 30, 2018, 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 700,000 rentable square feet in the retail portfolio.

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