

## **EMPIRE STATE REALTY TRUST CELEBRATES GRATEFUL DEAD 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

### ***Tower Lights Choreographed to “U.S. Blues” Encore at Chicago’s Soldier Field on July 4<sup>th</sup>***

**New York, NY (July 5, 2015)** – Empire State Realty Trust, Inc. (NYSE: ESRT) gave 60,000 “Deadheads” an epic show on Saturday night during the sold out “Fare Thee Well: Celebrating 50 Years of Grateful Dead” concert on July 4 by synchronizing the Empire State Building’s (ESB) LED tower lights to the band’s live performance of “U.S. Blues.”

The production was specifically designed for the Soldier Field Anniversary crowd, where members of the original band were reunited for the “Fare Thee Well: Celebrating 50 Years of Grateful Dead” tour 20 years to the day after the band’s last performance together.

ESB lighting designer Marc Brickman teamed up with the band to create the vision and technical design of the music-to-light show, which featured an assortment of Grateful Dead imagery in the mast of the building.

Fans who weren’t able to catch the once-in-a-lifetime show live at Soldier Field can watch ESB’s tribute online at [www.Dead.net](http://www.Dead.net). ESB will also give New Yorkers an encore performance of the lighting at 9:00 p.m. EST on July 5. Fans can tune into iHeartRadio’s Q104.3 to listen along as they watch the show.

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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](http://www.empirestatebuilding.com), [www.facebook.com/empirestatebuilding](https://www.facebook.com/empirestatebuilding), [@EmpireStateBldg](https://twitter.com/EmpireStateBldg), [www.instagram.com/empirestatebldg](https://www.instagram.com/empirestatebldg), [www.youtube.com/esbnyc](https://www.youtube.com/esbnyc) or [www.pinterest.com/empirestatebldg/](https://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 10.0 million rentable square feet, as of March 31, 2015, consisting of 9.3 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 727,000 rentable square feet in the retail portfolio.

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

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