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ADEM, RSA Go Green and Blue for Earth Day

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – For the second year, the lights at four Retirement Systems of Alabama buildings in downtown Montgomery will shine green and blue Thursday night in celebration of Earth Day, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management announced.

"Earth Day is always a big day for us here at ADEM," said Director Lance LeFleur. "It's an opportunity to highlight Alabama's many natural wonders, as well as help educate and raise public awareness among young people and adults alike about how they can help protect and preserve the state's environment."

The four RSA buildings in Montgomery that will be lit in green and blue are:

- The RSA Tower, at 201 Monroe St.
- The RSA Headquarters, at 201 South Union St.
- The RSA Dexter Avenue Building, at 445 Dexter Ave.
- The Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa, at 201 Tallapoosa St.

Last year, at the request of ADEM, the RSA cloaked several of its buildings in the Earth Day colors.

"I want to thank Dr. David Bronner and the RSA for again demonstrating their support for Earth Day," LeFleur said. "We hope families in the Montgomery area will see the lights and be reminded of the environmental treasures we enjoy and the need for good stewardship, such as keeping our waters and lands free of litter and trash, and doing their part to recycle plastics, paper, aluminum cans and other materials – all of which contribute to a clean, healthy environment."

April 22 is the 51st anniversary of the first Earth Day. The theme for this year's global day of activism is "Restore Our Earth."

In addition to the lighting, ADEM has created a series of interesting videos that feature ADEM personnel explaining and demonstrating key functions of their work in protecting Alabama's environment. The videos cover a variety of topics, including air monitoring, fish tissue sampling, water quality and recycling.

To watch the videos on ADEM's YouTube channel, <u>Click here</u>. The videos are also accessible on the ADEM website, <u>www.adem.alabama.gov</u>, by clicking the Earth Day icon.

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