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AAG Partners with March for Science

The American Association of Geographers (AAG) is pleased to announce that we are formally partnering with and affirming our support for the March for Science, a multi-location event that will be held in Washington, D.C., across the U.S., and internationally on Earth Day, April 22, 2017.

As a nonprofit scientific, research, and educational society with a current membership of over 12,000 individuals from across the nation and around the world, the AAG is proud to stand with many other organizations that share a belief that the benefits of science are a human right. Our members work in the public, private, and academic sectors to advance the theory, methods, and practice of geography, and share a nonpartisan belief that science should be well funded and that political leaders should enact evidence-based policies for the common good.

Geography is a rapidly-growing and robust discipline that has applications to all segments of society and is crucial to the everyday lives of citizens everywhere. It is an interdisciplinary science that shares connections with many other fields. We are proud to join with our colleagues in all disciplines to champion the ideals that science is critical to societal and human rights, and is a pillar in educating and protecting us. Science also plays an important role in economic growth and in developing the ideas that make our lives better.

We strongly encourage AAG members to take part in the March for Science – either by coming to Washington to join the principal event in the nation's capital, or by finding a satellite event in a community near them. To learn more about the March and related events being held in nearly 300 different cities, please visit their website at <https://www.marchforscience.com/>

The AAG has long stood up for the values espoused by the March for Science and we have been especially active in fighting for these ideals in recent months. In addition to joining with colleagues for March-related activities, we also ask AAG members to considering taking the following actions to support both the March for Science and the AAG's ongoing work for geography and science:

1. Visit the AAG's policy action webpage (http://www.aag.org/aag_policy_action) to learn more about the work

we have undertaken to promote policies that support geographers, our discipline, and the broader scientific community.

2. Consider a donation to the AAG ([http://www.aag.org/donate#AAG Public Policy Initiatives](http://www.aag.org/donate#AAG_Public_Policy_Initiatives)) to support this important work or to the March for Science to support the events in Washington and around the country and world (<https://www.crowdrise.com/TheMarchForScience>).
3. We always encourage AAG members to share their own views on critical issues with their members of Congress and state and local policymakers.

The AAG is pleased to join with the March for Science as an official partner. The events on April 22 will bring a spotlight to the crucial role that science plays in our lives through evidenced-based policies and the need for sustained, robust funding for research and education. We hope all AAG members will join with us and our colleagues from all disciplines in supporting this historic event!

For more information, feel free to contact us at the AAG.

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