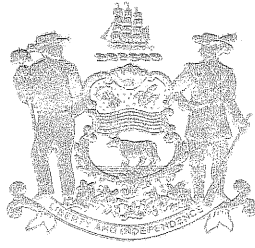


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STATEMENT IN RECOGNITION OF EARTH SCIENCE WEEK

Whereas, the Earth Sciences are integral to finding, developing and conserving mineral, energy and water resources needed for society; and

Whereas, the Earth Sciences provide the basis for preparing for and mitigating natural hazards such as floods, landslides, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, sinkholes and coastal erosion; and

Whereas, our environmental and ecological issues ranging from water and air quality to waste disposal are dependent upon Earth Sciences; and

Whereas, geological factors of resources, our natural hazards and our precious environment are vital to land management and land-use decisions at local, state, national and global levels of government; and

Whereas, the Earth Sciences provide us with critical information that helps expand our knowledge and understanding of nature and the future of the world around us.

*Now, Therefore, We, Jack A. Markell, Governor,
and Matthew Denn, Lieutenant Governor,
do hereby declare declare October 11-17, 2009*

EARTH SCIENCE WEEK

in the State of Delaware to promote public and professional awareness of the importance of Earth Sciences in our society. "Understanding Climate," the theme of Earth Science Week 2009, will promote scientific understanding of a timely, vital topic: Earth's climate.



Jack Markell

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Governor

Matthew Denn

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Lieutenant Governor