

STATE OF DELAWARE



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

STATEMENT IN OBSERVANCE OF EARTH SCIENCE WEEK

Whereas, geology and other Earth Sciences are vital to finding, developing and conserving mineral, energy and water resources necessary to society; and

Whereas, the Earth Sciences provide the basis in 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

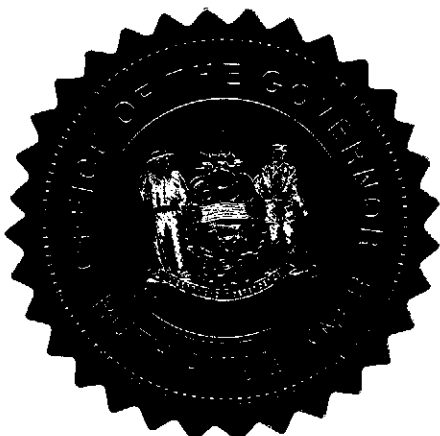
Whereas, the geological factors of our resources, our natural hazards and our precious environment are vital to land management and land-use decisions at local, state, national and global levels of government; and

Whereas, the Earth Sciences contribute critical pieces to our understanding of nature and the future of the world around us.

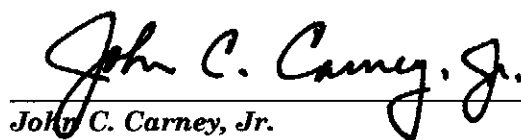
**Now, Therefore, We, Ruth Ann Minner, Governor,
and John C. Carney, Jr., Lieutenant Governor,
do hereby declare October 14-20, 2007**

EARTH SCIENCE WEEK

in the State of Delaware to promote public and professional awareness of the importance of Earth Sciences in our society now, more than ever, and to encourage the study of Earth Sciences by our students here in the First State.




Ruth Ann Minner
Governor


John C. Carney, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor

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