PROCLAMATION

EARTH SCIENCE WEEK
October 9 – 15, 2016

WHEREAS, the American Geosciences Institute has designated the theme for 2016’s Earth Science Week as “Our Shared Geoheritage;” and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania’s landscapes, settlements, transportation, and industrial history were largely shaped by its geology; and

WHEREAS, geology and other earth sciences are fundamental to the health, welfare, and safety of Pennsylvanians, and to the economic systems of the commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Earth sciences are integral for discovering, developing, and conserving the valuable energy, mineral, and water resources systems needed for Pennsylvania’s continued prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Earth sciences provide the basic information and understanding that are crucial to environmental and ecological issues relating to the beneficial use of Pennsylvania’s land and water resources; and

WHEREAS, understanding our geology and geoheritage is vital for the management of natural resources, hazards, and the environment in the commonwealth.

THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim October 9 – 15, 2016 as EARTH SCIENCE WEEK. I encourage all of Pennsylvania’s geoscientists to join with their colleagues to provide assistance to communities and schools in understanding the significance of Pennsylvania’s Geoheritage.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this twenty seventh day of September two thousand sixteen, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-first.

TOM WOLF
Governor