WHEREAS, the American Geosciences Institute has designated the theme for 2018's Earth Science Week as "Earth as Inspiration"; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has a significant history of art, literature, music, and science being inspired and influenced by landscape, geology, geologic events, and activities dependent on Earth resources; and

WHEREAS, artistic expressions can provide powerful opportunities for education and public understanding of the effects and potentials of geologic resources, processes, and hazards; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has been home to scientific discoveries and developments inspired by geology and earth materials; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's history of settlement and industrial, mineral, and energy industries has been significantly dependent on Earth sciences and Earth materials; and

WHEREAS, the Earth Sciences are integral for discovering, developing and conserving the valuable energy, mineral and water resources needed for Pennsylvania's continued prosperity and quality of life.

THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim October 14-20, 2018 as EARTH SCIENCE WEEK. I urge all Pennsylvania's geoscientists to join with their colleagues to promote understanding and appreciation of Earth Science research and its applications and relevance to the daily lives of Pennsylvanians.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this first day of October two thousand eighteen in the year of the Commonwealth the two hundred and forty-third.

TOM WOLF
Governor