



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION

EARTH SCIENCE WEEK

October 11-17, 2020

WHEREAS, the American Geosciences Institute has designated the theme for 2020's Earth Science Week as Earth Materials in our Lives; and

WHEREAS, earth sciences are critical for identifying and understanding geologic hazards, such as landslides, sinkholes, floods, and earthquakes to protect the health and safety of all Pennsylvanians; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has a significant history of art, literature, music, and science inspired and influenced by landscape, geology, geologic events, and activities dependent on natural 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's history of settlement and industrial, mineral, and energy industries has been significantly dependent on earth sciences; and

WHEREAS, every Pennsylvanian can be affected by issues related to supply of geologic resources including groundwater and surface water, construction materials, and energy resources such as fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, 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 11-17, 2020, 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 twenty-first day of September two thousand twenty, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-fifth.

Tom Wolf
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Governor