WHEREAS, the American Geosciences Institute has designated the theme for 2023’s Earth Science Week as Geoscience Innovating for Earth and People; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania seeks to be a leader in innovation and economic development and is working to protect our Commonwealth’s rich environment; and

WHEREAS, Earth sciences are crucial for identifying and understanding sources of critical mineral resources needed for the innovation of alternative energy, conservation technology, and renewable energy resources such as geothermal and wind; and

WHEREAS, in a changing climate, enhancing our understanding of factors controlling the supply and distribution of water resources is essential for a sustainable society; and

WHEREAS, Earth sciences are integral for discovering, developing, and conserving the energy, mineral, and water resources needed to sustain Pennsylvania’s continued prosperity and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Earth science has an essential role in decision-making to maintain and strengthen the planet’s ability to support thriving life; and

WHEREAS, every Pennsylvanian can benefit from innovations and emerging science and technology related to the conservation, supply, and distribution of geologic materials and groundwater.

THEREFORE, I, Josh Shapiro, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim October 8 - 14, 2023 to be

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and encourage all Pennsylvanians to join geoscientists and their colleagues in supporting Earth Science research, its applications, and its relevance in sustaining daily life.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this fourteenth day of September two thousand twenty-three, the year of the Commonwealth the two hundred forty-eighth.

Governor Josh Shapiro