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WASHINGTON, DC — Earth Science Week, the worldwide celebration organized annually by the American Geosciences Institute (AGI), was formally recognized in a resolution introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives. The resolution, introduced by Rep. Jared Polis (D-CO), alongside Reps. Barbara Comstock (R-VA), Daniel Lipinski (D-IL), and Ryan Costello (R-PA) would designate the week of October 14-20, 2018, as Earth Science Week.

The resolution reads, in part:

"[...] the Earth sciences provide the basis for mitigating natural hazards such as droughts, earthquakes, fires, floods, coastal erosion, landslides, hurricanes, volcanic eruptions, space weather, and other hazards."

"[...] Earth and space sciences include geologic mapping and remote sensing technologies which provide the foundational knowledge of Earth's natural systems that is integral to the discovery, development, and conservation of natural resources, such as energy, water, and minerals, and to the safe disposal of waste products."

"[...] Earth and space science researchers and educators drive creativity and passion for the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields among students of all ages through diverse and innovative education and public outreach efforts."

Read the full text of the resolution [here](#).

The theme for Earth Science Week 2018, "Earth as Inspiration," emphasizes artistic expression as a unique, powerful opportunity for geoscience education and understanding in the 21st century.

"This resolution demonstrates the importance of engaging young people and others in exploring and understanding our Earth," said AGI Executive Director Allyson Anderson Book. "The arts are a special lens through which to view geoscience — whether it's thinking about the natural processes that formed a beautiful landscape or the sense of wonder you get when you look up into the sky and into the stars."

"We need to do everything possible to get students excited about learning about the sciences — that's why I'm proud to champion top-notch STEAM education for all students," said Polis. "Now more than ever, we have to rely on science as we adapt and attempt to reverse the consequences of climate change. We must challenge ourselves to discover and innovate, as is our American tradition."

Earth Science Week is a nonpartisan educational event that provides learning opportunities and activities to K-12 educators and the general public. Since 1998, Earth Science Week has promoted a better understanding of the role Earth science plays in society. For more information on Earth Science Week, please visit the Earth Science Week website at www.earthsciweek.org.

About AGI

The American Geosciences Institute (AGI) is a nonprofit federation of 52 scientific and professional associations that represents more than a quarter-million geoscientists. Founded in 1948, AGI provides geoscientists with access to scholarly information, serves as a voice of shared interests in the profession, plays a major role in strengthening geoscience education, and strives to increase public awareness of the vital role the geosciences play in society's use of resources, resiliency to natural hazards, and health of the environment.

AGI is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to serving the geoscience community and addressing the needs of society. AGI headquarters are in Alexandria, Virginia.

The American Geosciences Institute represents and serves the geoscience community by providing collaborative leadership and information to connect Earth, science, and people.

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