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ACS announces its support for the March for Science

WASHINGTON, March 15, 2017 — The American Chemical Society (ACS) announces its support of the March for Science to be held on Earth Day, April 22. The March, which coincides with the annual ACS event called Chemists Celebrate Earth Day (CCED), aligns with the Society's key goal of fostering understanding and appreciation of science by the public, the media, and policymakers.

Each year since 2003, ACS has conducted CCED as a nationwide celebration of the positive impact that chemistry has had on society and the environment. This year's CCED theme is "Chemistry Helps Feed the World." ACS members across the U.S., through the Society's 185 local sections, will be involved with outreach and engagement activities with their communities.

The March for Science occurs on the same day and provides another means of expressing support for science in the U.S., and its contributions toward improving people's lives, protecting our nation, creating jobs, driving innovation and facilitating economic growth.

With these thoughts in mind, ACS offers its support for the March for Science, predicated upon two essential conditions:

- That the March adhere strictly to its established and publicly posted mission and principles, which closely mirror ACS' own vision, mission and goals
- That the March continues to be a nonpartisan celebration of science focused on its many positive contributions toward improving the human condition and addressing the world's most pressing challenges

The March for Science will take place in Washington, D.C., with satellite marches taking place in cities across the country. ACS is exploring opportunities to conduct CCED activities in Washington, D.C., in ways that are supportive of the March, and it is encouraging ACS local sections to do the same in their local communities.

ACS looks forward to a positive and peaceful march that everyone, scientists and non-scientists alike, can be proud of and fully support.

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