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**SALT LAKE CITY WILL CELEBRATE SCIENCE**

*The Utah State Capitol will host scientists and their supporters as one of 300 sister marches organized around the world.*

SALT LAKE CITY (Tuesday, March 7) - March for Science Salt Lake City announced its participation in a national effort to raise awareness of the benefits that science brings to society. On Earth Day, April 22, 2017, Utahns will hold a march in Salt Lake City with partner organizations that include many leading scientific, academic, and educational institutions. Among these is the national March for Science in Washington, D.C., which takes place on the same day. **The Salt Lake City march will begin at 3 PM at City Creek Park, and conclude at the Capitol.**

In February 2017, the concept of a March for Science went viral, with 287 satellite marches planned around the world, and more coming online every day. More than 50,000 volunteers have responded to offer assistance nationally, and over 3,000 scientists and nonscientists have shown interest in the Utah effort.

Some of the most prestigious science organizations are participating in this effort, e.g., the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the world's largest general scientific organization, and Sigma Xi, the oldest and largest international scientific honor society in the world.

The breadth and diversity of science-based organizations joining the movement speaks to the importance of the mission and the need to welcome everyone to stand up for the vital roles science plays in society.

March organizers have gathered information that reveals the many ways that science and scientists serve their communities. [#ScienceServes](#) showcases how science saves lives, protects communities, and advances the public interest. Scientists perform critical civic duties and the March will help make their valuable public service roles more visible.

“Scientists aren’t just working in labs wearing white coats,” said Caroline Weinberg, MD, MPH a health educator and science writer and March co-chair. “They are testing our water, developing vaccines, and helping to keep our farms and fisheries productive. The March for Science unites scientists and people everywhere who love and appreciate science to stand together and ensure that we can all continue to enjoy all the benefits science gives us.

Salt Lake City March co-organizer Tiffany Rivera said, “We want to remind the world that scientists are people. They live in our neighborhoods, coach our kids' soccer teams, volunteer in our libraries, cheer for local football teams, sing in our church choirs, and recreate in our beautiful outdoors.”

In the coming weeks, the Salt Lake City organizers will release information on associated projects, programs, and logistics on their website (<http://www.marchforscienceslc.com>), including its mission statement and goals.

Organizers are accepting donations to help fund the marches. Inquiries about volunteering, starting satellite marches, and other topics can be directed via email addresses on the website.

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