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### UTAH MARCHES FOR SCIENCE ON EARTH DAY, APRIL 22

*Marches planned throughout Utah and around the world to celebrate science.*

SALT LAKE CITY (April 19th) – This Saturday April 22, Earth Day, marks the first March for Science. People from around the world will gather for a **nonpartisan celebration of science** at the national march in Washington, D.C. and at more than 500 satellite marches, including five in Utah: Logan, Moab, Park City, St. George, and Salt Lake City.

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.”

A press conference will be held before the march at 1 PM at City Creek Park, Salt Lake City. The March will begin at 3 PM and proceed from City Creek Park to the Capitol, where there will be a rally with speakers from 3:45 PM until 5 PM. Hosted by **Denni Cawley** (Executive Director, Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment), speakers include: **Dr. Tami Goetz** (Executive Director, STEM Action Center Utah), **Dr. Brigham Daniels** (Professor of Environmental Law at Brigham Young University and Chair of the Board of Directors for LDS Earth Stewardship), **Caroline Gleich** (Professional ski mountaineer and environmental advocate), **Dr. Claudio Villanueva** (Professor of

Biochemistry at the University of Utah), **Heidi Redd** (rancher and conservationist), and **Dr. Mario Capecchi** (Nobel Laureate and Professor of Human Genetics at the University of Utah).

The marches in Utah are organized by volunteers throughout their communities. The purpose of the March is to highlight the benefit of science within society, and to encourage legislators to use evidence-based science in the policy-making process.

Local supporters for the marches in Utah include **The Nature Conservatory, University of Utah, Westminster College, Utah Women Unite, PANDOS, Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, The Leonardo**, and more than a dozen other organizations.

Spokespeople available for further inquiry include Justice Morath, Nalini Nadkarni, Tiffany Rivera, Alex Porpora, Sasha Luks-Morgan, and Olivia Miller. They can be reached through the media contacts and will be wearing SLC March for Science T-shirts on the day of the event.

Visit [www.marchforscienceslc.com](http://www.marchforscienceslc.com) and [www.marchforscience.com](http://www.marchforscience.com) for more information.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday!

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