



# MARCH FOR SCIENCE SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH APRIL 22, 2017

## MAJOR THEMES AND MESSAGES: MARCH FOR SCIENCE SALT LAKE CITY

### 1) Science and the March for Science are inclusive.

- We welcome the participation of everyone in science and in the March for Science. Participation of people of all ethnic groups, genders, socioeconomic status, and abilities will strengthen science and society.
- Science is a partnership between researchers and the public. Research is important, but more exchanges and engagement are vital.
- The scientific community is exploring new approaches to increase equity, diversity, and understanding of different views and backgrounds.

### 2) Science plays vital roles in our personal and civic lives.

- Science advances the common good: better medicines, new therapies, novel communication tools, cleaner air, and better military protection of our homeland all need science.
- We need facts based on data to help make decisions that will maintain the quality of human lives and the environment.
- Support for science has contributed to the vibrant economy we enjoy in Utah, especially in the fields of biotechnology, IT, and the STEM workforce.

### 3) Scientists are people - our neighbors - who want the best for our communities.

- There are 4.1 million scientists in our nation, nearly 2% of the U.S. population.
- For many scientists, the beauty and mystery of the world are what motivated them to become scientists.
- More than half of science graduates in the U.S. are female; over 15% are from minority groups.

### 4) Science needs awareness and support in Utah and throughout our nation.

- Scientific research and education receive support from many sources – federal, state, and local governments; private foundations; individuals; and corporations.
- Science is a long-term investment. It can take decades for science to produce useful tools, technologies, and medicines that we use in daily life.
- Science education is crucial for Utah's youth.
- This is a march FOR science; not only scientists are speaking out. People all over the world share a love and appreciation for science.

