

Tuesday 14 March 2017

Aloha!

Hawai'i will join the worldwide **March for Science** on Earth Day, Saturday 22 April 2017 www.marchforscience.com. This strictly non-partisan event is in response to increasingly severe denial and abuse of science in our society. A diverse volunteer team of scientists and science supporters from across Hawai'i are organizing local events. On O'ahu, the March will be based at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, and will include presentations, booths, and various activities. Our webpage is marchforsciencehawaii.com.

The March for Science is intended to be a kick-off event for galvanizing those who support science into a potent force for resisting assaults on all sciences. Science — from the traditional knowledge of ancient peoples to the esoteric quantum mechanics of Nobel laureates — is the most powerful method ever devised by humans to understand the natural world and the universe. Science has blessed us with the comforts and technical achievements of our society, yet when abused, has also produced threats to our very existence. Certainly, no one and no society can long survive by ignoring or abusing science. The issue is not politics; the issue is how we wish to survive and what we choose to leave to future generations.

Over two dozen highly respected organizations have endorsed the national March for Science (www.marchforscience.com/press/). We are writing to request that your organization endorse the March for Science Hawai'i. By doing so, your organization will be listed and thanked on our web page and elsewhere. We are also soliciting donations for the event, yet financial sponsorship is not required for endorsement.

We appreciate your support for science!

Mahalo,

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