



**CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF  
PROFESSIONAL SCIENTISTS**

**CAPS BOARD OF DIRECTORS' RESOLUTION  
In Support of Science Fridays  
June 3, 2017**

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States, Donald Trump, on June 1 withdrew United States' participation from the Paris Climate Accord; and,

**WHEREAS**, national policy seems to be trending away from supporting science-based decision-making on critical issues of climate change and the health and safety of all living organisms; and,

**WHEREAS**, national public health research, public safety policies and programs are being targeted for substantial spending cuts; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility of our elected leaders and public institutions to promote public health and environmental security with scientific integrity, and,

**WHEREAS**, recognizing that the climate is warming globally, that the world community must work together to limit the amount of future warming, that there are vast economic opportunities including job creation by reducing the United States' carbon footprint, and that using sound science as the basis for these efforts, all should not be part of the partisan divide; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative that public and private sector organizations at all levels ramp-up funding and support for science-based solutions to the critical health and safety problems facing the world community; and,

**WHEREAS**, California leads the nation in scientific research and green energy solutions; and,

**WHEREAS**, California is home to national laboratories and state of the art equipment and intellect;

**Therefore Be It Resolved** that the CAPS Board of Directors on Saturday, June 3 2017 designates every Friday for the foreseeable future as "**Science Friday**" to underscore the need for a wide spectrum of qualified scientists whose work will help ensure a healthy environment for all living organisms for generations to come.

**Furthermore, Be It Further Resolved** that the CAPS Board of Directors calls on every State Scientist to wear his or her CAPS T-shirt every Friday when it is practicable as a demonstration of solidarity in support of sound science, of state scientific programs and State Scientists as stewards of environmental protection and public health and safety.

**Adopted this 3rd day of June, 2017.**

CAPS President Patty Velez, on behalf of the  
3000 State Scientists represented by CAPS