



Assembly Passes Stone Resolution To Protect and Defend Truth

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SACRAMENTO – The Assembly passed AJR 9 joint-authored by Assemblymembers Stone (D-Monterey Bay), Cristina Garcia (D-Bell Gardens), Chris Holden (D-Pasadena) and Bill Quirk (D-Hayward) today just days prior to Earth Day and the March on Science. This joint resolution would affirm the importance of scientific research, the scientific education of all children, and the foundational role of independent, rigorous scientific discovery and inquiry in the policymaking process at all levels and support the April 22, 2017, March for Science. The final vote on the Assembly Floor was 66:1:13.

“Policy that is built on science will always be less about the dogma, less about the politics and more likely to stand the test of time,” said Assemblymember Mark Stone, Co-Chair of the Legislative Environmental Caucus.

In his March Executive Order, President Trump all but halted our fight against climate change. It directs the Environmental Protection Agency to review Obama's Clean Power Plan, rescind the moratorium on coal mining on US federal lands and curb regulations important to addressing climate change.

“I applaud the California State Assembly for defending truth and science—two crucial pillars of our society. In the face of Trump's attacks on the truth, California continues to stand up for the American way of life. Americans throughout California and across the country will add their voices this weekend and make it clear that we will not accept the Trump Administration's lies,” said NextGen Climate President Tom Steyer, a supporter of the resolution.

AJR 9 also urges the President and Congress of the United States to work together to support, encourage, and heed truths by scientists and scientific research in policymaking to keep the United States the world's global leader in scientific research and business innovation.

The March on Science is an international movement with marches planned worldwide on April 22nd including in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Santa Cruz and Sacramento. According to organizers the march's goals are two-fold: to encourage the use of science in policy decisions, and to encourage scientists to reach out to their communities and discuss the research they do and explain why it matters.

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