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COSSA Joins March for Science

Washington, D.C. — On Friday, the Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA) announced its partnership with the March for Science, a nonpartisan movement that is organizing marches and events around the world in support of robustly funded and publicly communicated science as a pillar of human freedom and prosperity. So far, nearly 300 satellite marches are planned, including the national March for Science rally in Washington, DC on April 22.

"We are excited to participate in the March for Science in solidarity with other scientists and science enthusiasts as we showcase the important contributions that science, especially the social and behavioral sciences, make to our country and global community," said Wendy Naus, Executive Director of COSSA. "We hope researchers in the social and behavioral sciences—and other STEM disciplines—join us to celebrate the promise scientific research holds for continuing to improve our lives"

COSSA's decision to partner with the March reflects a shared commitment to promoting robust federal funding for basic research across all scientific fields and disciplines and supporting the use of rigorous data and evidence to drive policymaking decisions. COSSA plans to organize resources and information for individuals from its member associations, universities, and research institutes who plan to participate in the March, either in Washington or one of the satellite locations.

The initial list of partnering organizations includes more than <u>25 scientific societies and organizations</u>, including the American Anthropological Association, a COSSA governing member, as well as the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

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The Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA) is a nonprofit advocacy organization working to promote sustainable federal funding for social and behavioral science research and federal policies that positively impact the conduct of research. COSSA serves as a united voice for a broad, diverse network of organizations, institutions, communities, and stakeholders who care about a successful and vibrant social science research enterprise. The COSSA membership includes professional and disciplinary associations, scientific societies, research centers and institutes, and U.S. colleges and universities.

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