

## East Lansing Designates April as Science Month for MSU Science Festival

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EAST LANSING, Mich. – Michigan State University and the City of East Lansing have once again demonstrated the strong, collaborative bond that exists between campus and community.

East Lansing Mayor Mark Meadows and the East Lansing City Council voted in favor of a proclamation Designating April as Science Month at the Council meeting on March 16. It was a strong show of support that encourages East Lansing residents to participate in activities hosted by the MSU Science Festival.

"The MSU Science Festival is a creative, multi-day series of events that highlight the fields of science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM), and the pursuit and understanding of STEAM subjects is vital to the continued development of our community as we pursue solutions to challenges today and into the future," said Mayor Meadows, citing the proclamation.

The MSU Science Festival is celebrating the 5<sup>th</sup> year of annual demonstrations, tours, open houses, guest lectures, and hands on activities for residents and visitors of all ages. This year's event runs April 7-23 and features more than 200 unique offerings, with upward of 20,000 people expected to attend.

The 2017 MSU Science Festival has something for everyone. Events and activities are presented by members of the MSU scientific community, science professionals, and educators from across the state.

"Thank you Mayor Meadows, members of the City Council, and East Lansing supporters. It is so important for us to know that residents value science and support our efforts," said Renee Leone, Festival coordinator. "The Science Festival is an exciting opportunity to experience ideas and innovations live, and to exchange ideas with researchers and professionals first hand."

Fast Facts:

- All events are **free** and open to the public.
- There are programs and activities for all ages. Check out the schedule of events.
- Flyers and posters are distributed around mid-Michigan. Program booklets with a complete April 7-23 schedule, event descriptions, and campus map are available at the Office of University Outreach and Engagement, (517) 353-8977, as well as various locations around campus and the mid-Michigan community.
- More information is available online at <u>sciencefestival.msu.edu</u>.

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