

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3302

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President Joseph R. Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden:

Next month, on November 10th, the United Nations will celebrate World Science Day for Peace and Development, highlighting “the significant role of science in society and the need to engage the wider public in debates on emerging scientific issues.” Yet despite centuries of American scientific achievement and reliance on scientific research, the United States does not officially recognize a National Science Day.

As you know, scientific research leads to knowledge, products, and processes that continually improve many sectors, including technology, economics, manufacturing, education, health care, transportation, defense, agriculture, animal welfare, commerce, and many more. More than 7 million Americans work in science and engineering, and over 17 million Americans are part of the skilled technical workforce in occupations employing science and engineering expertise and technical knowledge. At least 18 federal government departments and agencies rely on a scientifically trained workforce, and our scientists play a vital role in keeping the United States and the world safe and secure. Furthermore, the percentage of historically underrepresented groups in the science and engineering workforce demographic is growing and strengthening the United States economy.

Mr. President, we recognize that science is an issue of importance to you, having nominated the first Office of Science and Technology Policy director in United States history to serve in the President’s Cabinet. In order to properly recognize and celebrate American scientific achievement and inspire the next generation to continue this honorable and vital tradition, we urge you to issue a proclamation designating November 10, 2022 as National Science Day in the United States.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

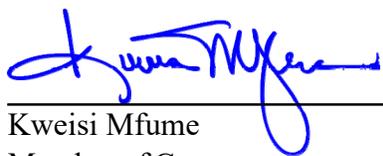
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