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March for the Ocean Now is the Time for Epic Change



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The growing chorus of supporters includes environmentalists, scientists, surfers, boaters, divers, fishermen, artists, filmmakers, social justice activists, small businesses, major aquariums, deep-sea explorers, students, parents, teachers and citizen activists - everyone who gets so much from our ocean, lakes, and rivers- coming together to give something back. "Next summer we will see a new wave of resistance - and appreciation - for the other 71 percent of our environment that is the ocean," said David Helvarg, Chair of the M4O Steering Committee and Executive Director of Blue Frontier Campaign, an ocean conservation and policy group working with other M4O partners including the Sierra Club, Earth Day Network, Greenpeace, Surfrider Foundation, Ocean Conservancy, Plastic Pollution Coalition, the National Aquarium, Monterey Bay Aquarium, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations and many more (for the full list of march partners to date go to www.marchforocean.com).

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I will Wear Blue for the Ocean and I will March for the Ocean on Saturday June 9 2018.

I will work with and support organizations working to defend our seas.

I will work to put an end offshore drilling and spilling, and the onshore refineries and pipelines that endanger us and to replace these sources of pollution with safe job-generating clean energy.

I will work to reduce my use of throwaway plastic and for the reduction of plastic, agricultural, petrochemical and other forms of pollution poisoning our seas, killing wildlife and putting our health at risk.

I will learn about and make the food, transportation, energy and consumer choices that benefit the ocean as well my health, pocketbook and family. I will learn about and then educate my neighbors and others on how to protect ourselves from rising seas, coastal flooding, and additional climate impacts on our ocean, lakes and rivers.

I will work to restore salt marshes, estuaries, oyster reefs and other living habitats that can help to protect our waters. From local zoning boards to national elections

I will 'Vote the Coast and Ocean' to protect our endangered communities - both human and wild. I will work to elect ocean champions who work for science-based solutions to the challenges we face and who support the blue in our red, white and blue.



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- Natural Science Reports (NSR)
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