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American Meteorological Society Issues Statement Affirming Importance of Equity, Inclusion, and Justice

[Boston, MA—June 30, 2023] The American Meteorological Society (AMS)—the professional society for atmospheric and related hydrologic sciences and services—issued a statement affirming its commitment to inclusion, equity, and justice in the wake of the Supreme Court ruling June 29, 2023 ending Affirmative Action.

The statement reads:

> "In light of Thursday's Supreme Court ruling on affirmative action, the American Meteorological Society (AMS) reaffirms our commitment to equity, inclusion, and justice (EIJ). The AMS is a global community whose mission is to advance weather, water, and climate science and services for the benefit of society. As such, EIJ is at the core of AMS's mission, essential to developing the workforce needed to tackle the complex and multi-faceted problems of our time, and central to the advancement of humanity and the human experience. Diversity in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education improves science and the quality of services the public receives. Therefore, the American Meteorological Society champions equity, inclusion, and justice and will continue to do so to the greatest extent possible."

"Upholding our principles regarding justice is not just a moral imperative but a necessary step towards creating a more equitable and inclusive society for all," says AMS President Brad Colman. "AMS will be engaging with its Council (leadership board) about the impact of the SCOTUS ruling in order to determine our next steps."

Read the statement online.

About the American Meteorological Society

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