

**Resolution by the Members of the Federation of Earth Science Information Partners to merge the Federation of Earth Science Information Partners and the Foundation for Earth Science Information Partners into a single membership non-profit [501(c)3] organization called the Federation of Earth Science Information Partners.**

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**Whereas** the Federation of Earth Science Information Partners (hereafter ESIP), an informal membership organization, seeks to simplify and regularize its governance system for staffing, financial and decision-making purposes; and,

**Whereas** the Foundation for Earth Science Information Partners (hereafter Foundation), a Washington DC based 501(c)3 organization has been providing staffing, financial and other services to ESIP for more than a decade; and,

**Whereas** the memorandum of understanding that connects these two organizations has always included a complex process for deciding and approving staffing, budgets, and goals; and,

**Whereas** the Board of the Foundation and the Executive Committee of ESIP have both determined that the best way forward is to merge the two organizations into a single membership organization;

The membership of ESIP resolves to do the following:

- A. It is resolved to merge ESIP and the Foundation into a single membership organization which shall be called the Federation of Earth Science Information Partners [501(c)3].
- B. It is further resolved that each current member of ESIP will be invited to be a founding member of the Federation of Earth Science Information Partners [501(c)3] under its bylaws.
- C. It is further resolved that the current staff of the Foundation will continue as staff of the Federation of Earth Science Information Partners [501(c)3] under the same conditions as their present employment.
- D. It is further resolved that the current ESIP Constitution and Bylaws will become the basis for the Policies and Practices documentation of the Federation of Earth Science Information Partners [501(c)3], to be reviewed and updated after the Winter 2017 meeting.
- E. It is further resolved that the ESIP Executive Committee will work closely with the Foundation staff and legal advisors to accomplish this merger in an efficient manner.