



Division for Planetary Sciences
of the **AMERICAN ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY**



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To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of the Division for Planetary Sciences (DPS) of the American Astronomical Society, I wanted to inform you of a relevant resolution that passed without any dissenting votes by the general membership at our annual meeting last fall in National Harbor, Maryland on 2015 November 11. The resolution reads:

The Division for Planetary Sciences of the American Astronomical Society hereby recognizes the importance of the Arecibo Observatory and its planetary radar capability to our science and to planetary defense issues. We strongly encourage all of the concerned institutions to work together to resolve Arecibo's budgetary and other issues so that the Observatory can continue to be a scientifically productive facility for planetary science, radio astronomy, and atmospheric studies.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the importance of Arecibo Observatory to the Planetary Science community, as I would be happy to help in any way that I can.

Hope this helps,

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