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Global warming awareness rally at Clemson
Saturday event part of national campaign

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CLEMSON -- Clemson University is participating in a national Step It Up rally to be held Saturday in support of efforts to slow the onset of global warming.

The rally at Clemson will be held at 1 p.m. on the plaza between the R.M. Cooper Library and the Strom Thurmond Institute, according to a statement from the school.

Organizer Les Grady, professor emeritus in the School of the Environment, says the point of the rally is to demonstrate that people are concerned about the environment.

"We'd like to see people of all ages turn out to show that together we can slow global warming. We want to make this as dramatic as possible," Grady said.

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A photo from the event will be sent to congressmen and senators, along with messages and a petition urging them to support legislation committing the United States to move toward an 80 percent reduction in CO2 emission by 2050.

Brad Wyche, executive director of Upstate Forever; Alan Elzerman, director of the School of the Environment at Clemson; Steve Johnson of the Green Sanctuary Committee and Laura Ceva, co-president of Students for Environmental Awareness at Clemson, will speak at the rally.

Sponsors include the School of the Environment, the Clemson University chapters of Students for Environmental Awareness, Engineers Without Borders, Focus the Nation and the Green Sanctuary Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Clemson.

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