



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesota’s geographic landscape and data play a crucial role in the history and cultural heritage of all people in Minnesota, and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) serve as a framework for gathering, managing, analyzing, and displaying location-based information; and
- WHEREAS: An understanding of geography and its applications in GIS provides critical information for community leaders and government officials in making data-driven decisions around education, health care, public safety, transportation planning, preservation of natural resources, employment opportunities, and more; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota geospatial community coordinates these efforts to minimize duplication, reduce costs, develop standards, influence outcomes, measure results, and facilitate the sharing and interchange of GIS data and knowledge; and
- WHEREAS: Geospatial professionals support state, local, regional, and federal governments, Tribal Nations, academia, and nonprofit and private organizations; and
- WHEREAS: It is necessary to promote GIS awareness, education, and technical training throughout the state and encourage the understanding of how leveraging GIS data enhances the lives of all people living in and visiting Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, November 20, 2024, as:

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION  
SYSTEMS DAY

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November.



  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE