



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The state's geographic landscape and data play a crucial role in the history and cultural heritage of all Minnesotans, 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 helps stakeholders and community leaders make more informed 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, inform quality decision-making, influence outcomes, and facilitate the sharing and interchange of GIS data and knowledge; and
- WHEREAS: Geospatial professionals support state, local, and regional government, academia, nonprofit, and private organizations; and
- WHEREAS: There is a need to promote GIS awareness, education, and technical training among various groups across the state and a need to encourage the understanding of how leveraging GIS data enhances the lives of all Minnesotans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, November 18, 2020, 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 4th day of November.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tim Walz".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Steve Simon".

SECRETARY OF STATE

Filed on November 4, 2020
Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State,
Steve Simon