STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Minnesota's geographic landscape and data are a crucial part of our history and cultural heritage, and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) are a framework for gathering, managing, analyzing, and displaying location-based information; and

WHEREAS: GIS provides critical information, helping community leaders and government officials make data-informed decisions around education, health care, public safety, transportation planning, preservation of natural resources, employment opportunities, and more; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota's geospatial professionals support state, local, regional, and federal governments, Tribal Nations, academia, and nonprofit and private organizations by minimizing duplication, reducing costs, developing standards, measuring results, and facilitating the sharing and interchange of GIS data and knowledge; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota celebrates and promotes GIS awareness, education, and technical training throughout the state and encourages understanding of how GIS data can be leveraged to enhance the lives of all people living in and visiting our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, November 18, 2026, 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 26th day of October.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE