



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 making data-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, 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 19, 2025, 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of November.



  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE