  
**State of Iowa**  
**Executive Department**

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

**PROCLAMATION**

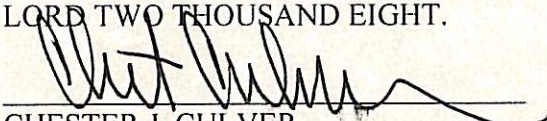
- WHEREAS,** GEOGRAPHY AWARENESS WEEK IS NOVEMBER 17-21; AND
- WHEREAS,** NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) DAY IS NOVEMBER 19, 2008; AND
- WHEREAS,** GEOGRAPHY AWARENESS WEEK PROMOTES GEOGRAPHIC LITERACY IN SCHOOLS, COMMUNITIES, AND ORGANIZATIONS, WITH A FOCUS ON THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN; AND
- WHEREAS,** GIS IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF GEOGRAPHY AWARENESS. GIS DAY PROVIDES AN INTERNATIONAL FORUM FOR USERS OF GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS) TECHNOLOGY TO DEMONSTRATE REAL-WORLD APPLICATIONS THAT ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR SOCIETY. MORE THAN 80 COUNTRIES WILL PARTICIPATE IN HOLDING LOCAL EVENTS SUCH AS CORPORATE OPEN HOUSES, HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS, COMMUNITY EXPOS, SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES, AND MORE; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE STATE OF IOWA IS COMMITTED TO EXPANDING GIS AND GEOGRAPHY TO THE SCHOOLS AND GENERAL PUBLIC IN ORDER TO SHOWCASE REAL-WORLD APPLICATIONS WITH GIS AND GEOGRAPHY:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHESTER J. CULVER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IOWA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM NOVEMBER 19, 2008, AS**

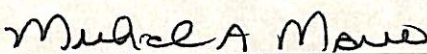
**INTERNATIONAL GIS (GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM)  
DAY**

IN IOWA AND I CALL UPON THE CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT STATE TO STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE CITIZENS OF THE WORLD, AS THEY HONOR THEIR GEOGRAPHIC WORLD AND THEIR GIS MAPPERS WHO MAP IT.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERE-UNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND EIGHT.**

  
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CHESTER J. CULVER  
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

  
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MICHAEL A. MAURO  
SECRETARY OF STATE

