

# Proclamation

*McLean County, City of Bloomington, Town of Normal, Illinois Wesleyan University and Illinois State University, Illinois.*

*WHEREAS, international, national and local GIS community is requesting that the 19<sup>th</sup> of November, 2008 be recognized as GIS Day 2008.*

*WHEREAS, geography has played a defining role in the settlement, history, and cultural heritage of our nation and humanity; and*

*WHEREAS, an understanding of geographical concepts is crucial to maintain a balance between the wise use of earth's natural resources, continued economic prosperity, and the general health and well-being of citizens; and*

*WHEREAS, the management, use, and exchange of geographic information is essential for effective decision making by all local agencies involved; and*

*WHEREAS, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology provides an efficient and effective means for managing geographic information; and*

*WHEREAS, extensive efforts are underway in various public and private agencies and organizations throughout the United States and the world to develop, incorporate, and utilize GIS technology; and*

*WHEREAS, there is a need to promote GIS awareness, education, and technical training among various groups to most appropriately and wisely utilize this rapidly developing technology; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, WE, Matt Sorensen, Chairman of McLean County Board; Steve Stockton, Mayor of the City of Bloomington; Christopher Koos, Mayor of the Town of Normal, Richard Wilson President, Illinois Wesleyan University, Alvin Bowman, President, Illinois State University, do hereby declare Wednesday the*

*19th of November, 2008*

*As*

*GIS DAY*



*Matt Sorensen  
Chairman  
McLean County Board*



*Steve Stockton  
Mayor  
City of Bloomington*



*Christopher Koos  
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