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Recognizing the importance of knowing where we are and where we are going, cartographers have mapped our world for millennia. Over the last century, technological advances have vastly improved our ability to create, analyze and store highly detailed maps. Whether we are choosing where to establish a new business, deciding how to manage farm land most effectively, or tracking environmental changes, the use of a geographic information system — or GIS — allows us to integrate data to make the best decisions possible.

Using advanced hardware and software, these systems are programmed to build maps from databases and spreadsheets. GIS allows us to quickly assemble and manipulate collected data to create maps featuring a wide range of geographic and other information, letting us view and interpret data in ways not previously possible. Used in research, planning, management, education and many other activities, GIS helps us identify complex patterns in our environment and better understand our world.

To promote the importance, use and potential of GIS, November 19 has been designated for an awareness campaign.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to recognize the many contributions GIS offers today and the enormous potential it promises for the future.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim November 19, 2008,

Geographic Information Systems Day



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
22nd day of October, 2008.

Rick Perry
Governor of Texas