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PROCLAMATION

“GIS DAY”

November 18, 2009

- WHEREAS; geography has played a defining role in the settlement, history and cultural heritage of the City of Grand Forks; and
- WHEREAS; an understanding of geographical concepts is crucial to maintaining a balance between the wise use of the City’s natural resources, continued economic prosperity and the general well-being of the City’s citizens; and
- WHEREAS; computerized Geographic Information System (GIS) technology provides a more efficient and effective means for managing geographic information as compared with traditional cartographic methods; and
- WHEREAS; extensive efforts are underway in various public agencies and private 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 to primary and secondary schools and encourage use of this technology for problem-solving throughout the curriculum; and
- WHEREAS; the global GIS community has joined to declare November 18, 2009 as International GIS Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael R. Brown, Mayor of Grand Forks, North Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 18, 2009 as “GIS DAY” and urge our citizens to commend this observance.


Michael R. Brown, Mayor