

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 18th of November, 2009 be recognized as GIS Day 2009.

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 maintaining 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

18th of November, 2009

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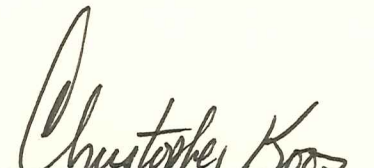
GIS DAY



*Matt Sorensen
Chairman
McLean County Board*



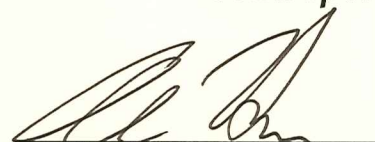
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