

State of North Carolina



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GOVERNOR

GEOGRAPHY INFORMATION SYSTEM DAY

2009

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, geography has played a defining role in the settlement, history, and cultural heritage of the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, an understanding of geographical concepts is crucial to maintaining a balance between the wise use of the State's natural resources, continued economic prosperity, and the general well-being of the state'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, North Carolina is a national leader because of NC OneMap, a statewide initiative that promotes free access to state and local government geographic information through Internet map viewers, facilitates data documentation, and encourages archival of digital geographic data for future generations; 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, including the use of NC OneMap; and

WHEREAS, the global GIS community has joined to declare November 18, 2009 as International GIS Day and North Carolina governments will offer numerous displays and activities throughout the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 18, 2009 as North Carolina GIS Day, and urge our citizens to commend this observance.



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this thirtieth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fourth.