



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*

John Hoeven  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) DAY**  
NOVEMBER 18, 2009

**WHEREAS**, Geographic Information System (GIS) Day is recognized during Geography Awareness Week as an important part of geography awareness and literacy in our schools; and

**WHEREAS**, an understanding of geographic concepts is essential for the wise stewardship of North Dakota's natural resources, the continuation of economic growth and the general health and well-being of our citizens; and

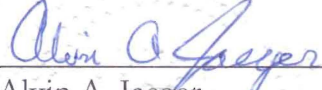
**WHEREAS**, North Dakotans know the value of using new technologies to enhance and strengthen our businesses, industries, communities and educational system; and

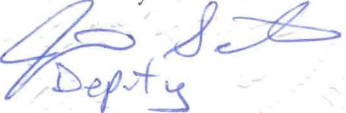
**WHEREAS**, the management, use and exchange of geographic information are essential for effective decision making by private industry and government organizations.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 18, 2009, **GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) DAY** in the state of North Dakota.

  
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John Hoeven  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
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Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State

  
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