

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER

GOVERNOR

GIS DAY

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina recognizes that an understanding, use, and application of geospatial technology is crucial to operating our infrastructure, sustaining our natural resources, and stimulating economic growth, thus, benefitting the welfare of the general public throughout our state; and

WHEREAS, geographic information systems (GIS) technology allows us to see and model complex relationships and patterns to more intelligently respond; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to promote GIS awareness, education, and technical training to use this rapidly developing technology to its full potential; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina acknowledges those that have chosen GIS as their profession or as part of their discipline to improve the lives of North Carolinians; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize and support the efforts of nonprofits who work on activities to improve conservation, human services, and various humanitarian efforts to better our world; and

WHEREAS, allowing people to take part in GIS activities for a day will help promote science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and inspire others to a higher calling to use technology for good; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina is committed to utilizing GIS to inform decision-making, better serve our residents, and make useful geographic information open and easily available to the public, as a platform for innovation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 13, 2019, as "GIS DAY" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



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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 seventh day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fourth.