

# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

*Whereas, the people of Oklahoma recognize that an understanding of geospatial concepts is crucial to the wise use of our natural resources, continued economic prosperity, and the general health of our citizens and communities, and related technologies have an important role in the future growth and security of our Great State, including the use, management, and exchange of data from Geographic Information Systems; and*

*Whereas, computerized Geographic Information Systems technology provides an efficient and effective means for managing geographic information; and*

*Whereas, there is a need to promote GIS awareness, education, and technical training among various groups to most appropriately and wisely use this rapidly developing technology; and*

*Whereas, there is a need to coordinate these efforts to eliminate duplication, reduce costs, develop standards, and to facilitate the sharing and interchange of GIS data, methods, and knowledge; and*

*Whereas, extensive efforts are underway in various public and private agencies and organizations throughout Oklahoma to develop, incorporate, and utilize GIS Technology; and*

*Whereas, the State of Oklahoma through the State Geographic Information Council promotes cooperation and sharing of data between state, federal and local agencies; and*

*Whereas, GIS is an important part of geography awareness; and*

*Whereas, the State of Oklahoma is committed to expanding GIS to the general public in order to showcase real-world applications with GIS;*

*Now, therefore, I, Brad Henry, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim March 12, 2008, as*

### **"GIS Day at the Capitol"**

*in the State of Oklahoma.*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.*



*Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 28th day of January, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundredth year.*

*M. Susan Sawyer*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Brad Henry*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: