

Thereas, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) is technology that combines information with maps to visualize the landscape in a variety of unique ways; and

Whereas, computerized Geographic Information System (GIS) technology provides an efficient and effective means for managing geographic information; and

Whereas, Oklahoma residents 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 communities; and

Whereas, 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 (GIS); and

Whereas, there is a need to promote GIS awareness, education, and technical training among various groups to appropriately and wisely use this rapidly developing technology and 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 (OGIC) promotes cooperation and sharing of data between state, federal and local agencies; and

Row, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 10, 2016, as

"GIS Day"

in the state of Oklahoma.

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

