

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 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 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 Oklahoma Geographic Information Council (OGIC) promotes cooperation and sharing of data between state, federal and local agencies; and

Whereas, Oklahoma is committed to expanding GIS to the general public in order to highlight real-world applications with GIS technology;

Row, Therefore, I, J. Kevin Stitt, Governor, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, March 5, 2019, as

"25th Annual GIS Day at the Capitol"

in the state of Oklahoma.

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

