



**STATE OF TEXAS
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Our ability to map our world has progressed through the ages through technological advances which have helped cartographers create, analyze and store highly detailed maps. These maps are used for a variety of purposes, ranging from everyday uses to more technical applications.

One of these advances are the use of geographic information systems (GIS), with which we are able to integrate data to make the best decisions possible. Using a variety of hardware and software, these systems are programmed to map numbers and words from traditional databases. Whether it is mapping a residential area to determine day care and school availability for children or charting geologic formations for exploration of natural resources, this sophisticated technology offers great potential.

GIS offers a more comprehensive basis of analysis by assembling and manipulating collected data. Assessing and interpreting the accurate GIS data improves efficiency and effectiveness, helping us to better understand the complexities of the world.

A day in the month of November is designated to promote awareness of the importance of GIS.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to recognize the many contributions of GIS offers today and its continuing promise for the future. Texans must make an effort to maximize the potential and opportunities geographic information systems offer.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim November 18, 2009,

Geographic Information Systems Day



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
17th day of September, 2009.

Rick Perry
Governor of Texas