

Proclamation

by

Andy Beshear
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

- WHEREAS, Geography has played a defining role in the settlement, history and cultural heritage of Kentucky, and understanding geographical concepts is crucial to maintain a balance among the wise use of the Commonwealth's natural resources, continued economic prosperity, and the well-being of its citizens; and
- WHEREAS, The use and application of geospatial technology is crucial to operating our infrastructure, sustaining our natural resources, rapidly responding during emergencies, and stimulating economic growth, thus benefitting the welfare of the general public throughout the Commonwealth; and
- WHEREAS, Kentucky has maintained its long-term commitment to utilizing Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to inform decision making, better serve its residents and make useful geographic information open and easily available to the public, as a platform for innovation; and
- WHEREAS, GIS technology allows us to see and model complex relationships and patterns between people and places and to better understand how the two interact and exist within the built and natural environment; and
- WHEREAS, Kentucky has long been recognized as a leader in managing and sharing geospatial information, minimizing duplication, reducing costs, developing standards, and promoting the free and open sharing of data, methods and knowledge; and
- WHEREAS, National Geography Awareness Week is recognized and celebrated annually in that week being observed November 13-19, 2020; and the global GIS community has joined to declare November 18 as National GIS Day 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANDY BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim November 18, 2020, as

GIS DAY

in Kentucky.



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 2nd day of November, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty and in the 229th year of the Commonwealth.

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