

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
State of Louisiana
Governor
Kathleen Babineaux Blanco

Proclamation

WHEREAS, geography has played a defining role in the settlement, history, and cultural heritage of the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, an understanding of geographical concepts is crucial to maintain a balance between the wise use of the State's natural resources, continued economic prosperity, and the general health and well being of the State's citizens; and

WHEREAS, the management, use, and exchange of geographic information are essential for effective decision making by local, state, and federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, computerized geographic information systems (GIS) technology provides an efficient and effective means for managing geographic information; and

WHEREAS, technological advances related to the GIS industry, including advances in hardware, software, mapping, and telecommunications, have been widespread and rapid; and

WHEREAS, extensive efforts are underway in various public and private agencies and organizations throughout Louisiana to develop, incorporate, and utilize GIS data, methods, and knowledge; and

WHEREAS, promotion of GIS awareness, education, and technical training among various groups will increase appropriate and wise use of this rapidly developing technology; and

WHEREAS, GIS is an important part of geography awareness; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, November 14, 2007 as

GIS DAY

in the State of Louisiana.



Attest By
The Governor

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the 2nd day of November
A. D., 2007.

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor of Louisiana

[Signature]
Secretary of State