

LOUISIANA
GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS COUNCIL
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE
Declaration of Interdependence

ADOPTED November 21, 2002

WHEREAS it is the policy of the Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council to promote the implementation of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure in Louisiana by encouraging the development of the Federal Geographic Data Committee framework layers, and their associated metadata records, by federal, state and local government agencies, and

WHEREAS National development of timely, accurate and consistent spatial data will significantly enhance government life saving operations and countless other government services. Unfortunately, there are many gaps and inconsistencies in available data because many state and local governments lack the resources to employ spatial technologies, and

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Interdependence proposed by the National States Geographic Information Council states that the most critical National Spatial Data Elements for Public Safety are:

- Digital Ortho-photography
- Accurate and consistent street and highway centerlines with street names and addresses affixed to them
- Parcel Boundaries, and for urban areas, building footprints with unique identifiers and basic characteristics
- Significant natural features including topography and vulnerable areas
- Critical infrastructure elements such as aquifers, water distribution systems, wastewater treatment plants, bridges, tunnels, gas mains, power plants, geodetic control, telecommunication hubs, electric transmission lines and places of public assembly
- Locations of hazardous materials storage and other dangerous conditions or facilities

and

WHEREAS spatial data should be created through national initiatives to ensure that they are available to all who require their use for lifesaving and public safety applications, and

WHEREAS the National States Geographic Information Council has asked for the support of the Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council by endorsing the Declaration of Interdependence, a request to the U.S. Congress to create and enact omnibus legislation

that will direct a coordinated national effort to fund production, maintenance and appropriate access of these data sets at State and local levels,

THEREFORE Be It Resolved on this 21st day of November 2002, that the Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council fully supports the efforts of the National States Geographic Information Council to ask the Congress of the United States to create and enact omnibus legislation that will direct a coordinated national effort to fund production, maintenance, and appropriate access to critical public safety data at State and local levels.

Be It Further Resolved that this Council authorizes the Chair to sign the Declaration of Interdependence and forward it to NSGIC for further handling and also to send it to the Louisiana Congressional delegation.