

**Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council**  
**A DRAFT Resolution of Support for the**  
**“Imagery for the Nation” Proposal**

WHEREAS, the Imagery for the Nation Proposal would develop a sustainable and flexible digital imagery program that would meet the needs of local, state, and regional governments in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, this aerial imagery is currently developed by local, state and regional government agencies in various resolutions, at widely irregular intervals, sometimes with costly duplication of efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council established in 1995 by Louisiana Revised Statute 49:1051 through 1057, is responsible for advising the Governor, the Legislature and State Agencies as to needed coordination, directions, responsibilities, and funding regarding geographic information; and

WHEREAS, the National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC) passed an “Aerial Imagery for the Nation” initiative that requests federal leadership and financial support for aerial imagery to be acquired and refreshed on a three year cycle; and

WHEREAS, the “Aerial Imagery for the Nation” initiative relies on NSGIC members to involve their state councils to actively engage with public and private sector stakeholders and present the merits of this proposal to their geospatial communities; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Councils vision for a robust comprehensive statewide aerial photography program is aligned with the same objectives as the “Imagery for the Nation” Initiative

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council, endorses the “Aerial Imagery for the Nation” Initiative advanced by the National States Geographic Information Council on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2006.