

## TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, the State of Kansas recognizes that use and application of geospatial technology is crucial to operating our infrastructure, sustaining our natural resources, and stimulating economic growth, thus benefitting the welfare of the general public throughout the state of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, geographic information systems (GIS) technology grants the ability to see and model complex relationships and patterns in order to more intelligently respond; and

WHEREAS, GIS awareness and training to use this rapidly developing technology to its full potential will help promote STEM education and inspire others to use technology for public benefit; and

WHEREAS, the State of Kansas acknowledges those that have chosen GIS as their profession and supports the efforts of nonprofits working to use the technology to improve conservation, human services, and various humanitarian efforts to better our world; and

WHEREAS, the State of Kansas is committed to utilizing GIS to inform decision making and better serve its residents by ensuring useful geographic information is open and easily available to the public as a platform for innovation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim November 16, 2022, as

## GIS Day

in the state of Kansas and I urge all citizens to join in this observation.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka under the Great Seal of the State this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, A.D. 2022

BY THE GOVERNOR

Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State

