

Resolution in support of the Imagery for Nation

Whereas, the National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC) passed an “Aerial Imagery for the Nation” initiative that requests federal leadership and financial support for a new nationwide aerial imagery program that will collect and disseminate standardized multi-resolution products on set schedules; and

Whereas, aerial and satellite imagery, in the form of digital orthoimagery, is the foundation for most public and private Geographic Information Systems (GIS); and

Whereas, aerial imagery is already being developed by North Dakota local, state, tribal and federal government agencies in variable resolutions and irregular update frequencies; and

Whereas, North Dakota local, state, regional, tribal, and federal partners will be able to exercise buy-up options for enhancements that are required by their organizations; and

Whereas, large area contracting methods will keep the cost to the taxpayer as low as possible and improve the availability of standardized, high-quality products; and

Whereas, the imagery acquired through this program will remain in the public domain and archived to secure its availability for posterity; and

Whereas, the “Aerial Imagery for the Nation” initiative relies on NSGIC members to involve their state GIS coordination councils to actively engage with public and private sector stakeholders and present the merits of this proposal to the federal government and Congress; and

Whereas, each statewide GIS coordination council will specify its digital orthoimagery requirements in a business plan, including the following information to meet specific needs including required resolutions, frequency of coverage, coverage footprints, and image type (e.g., CIR); and

Whereas, the GIS Technical Committee (GISTC) was established in 1995 through Executive Order 1995-05 and re-affirmed by Executive Order 2001-06, is responsible for coordinating GIS activities within North Dakota, act as a clearinghouse for GIS activities, and is responsible for the orderly accumulation and dissemination of geospatial data.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NORTH DAKOTA GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE endorses the “Aerial Imagery for the Nation” initiative advanced by the National States Geographic Information Council. Further, it is resolved that the GISTC will actively promote this initiative to statewide stakeholders, state and local government leadership, and the North Dakota Congressional delegation.

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