



Resolution in Support of Aerial Imagery for Ohio

Whereas, aerial imagery, in the form of digital orthophotos, is the foundation for most public and private geographic information systems in Ohio; and

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

Whereas, the Ohio Geographically Referenced Information Program (OGRIP), established in 1993 by then Governor Voinovich through Executive Order 93-010V and reestablished in 1999 and 2000 by current Governor Taft through 99-10T and 2000-05T respectively, is responsible for advising the Governor, the Legislature, and state agencies as to needed coordination, direction, responsibilities, and funding regarding geographic information; and

Whereas, OGRIP endorses and supports the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI), the Location Based Response System (LBRS), the current Statewide Imagery Program and the GIServOhio project that seek to integrate state and local government information within a statewide Internet web-mapping service to better serve all government agencies and citizen information needs; 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 the federal government and Congress; and

Whereas, OGRIP's vision for a robust, comprehensive statewide aerial photography program in Ohio is completely aligned to the same objectives in the "Aerial Imagery for the Nation" initiative.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE OHIO GEOGRAPHICALLY REFERENCED INFORMATION PROGRAM endorses the "Aerial Imagery for the Nation" initiative advanced by the National States Geographic Information Council. Further, it is resolved that OGRIP will actively promote this initiative to statewide stakeholders, state and local government leadership, and the Ohio Congressional delegation.

The Ohio Geographically Referenced Information Program

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name as the OGRIP Council Chair to the **Resolution in Support of Aerial Imagery for Ohio** in support of their approval and support through Council vote on this 16 day of November in the year two thousand and five.



Stuart R. Davis, Council Chair
Ohio Geographically Referenced Information Program