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The Rhode Island
Geographic Information System

Stuart R. Davis, President
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Dear President Davis:

I am most pleased to inform you that the Executive Committee of the Rhode Island Geographic Information System (RIGIS) as demonstrated by the attached resolution has endorsed the National States Geographic Information Council's (NSGIC) initiative "Imagery for the Nation". The RIGIS Executive Committee is comprised of regional federal agency offices, state and local government entities, academic institutions and private sector enterprises and acts as the coordinating body for geospatial interests in Rhode Island. We fully appreciate the efforts of NSGIC and all supporting partner organizations in this initiative. When it is implemented "Imagery for the Nation" will inevitably provide valuable benefits to the entire geospatial community and continuing cost savings to the nation's tax payers.

Sincerely,

Joseph Klinger, Chair
RIGIS Executive Committee

John Stachelhaus, Coordinator
RIGIS

Resolution in Support of Aerial Imagery for the Nation and the State of Rhode Island

Whereas, aerial imagery, in the form of digital orthophotography, is the foundation for most public and private geographic information systems in Rhode Island; 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 Executive Committee for the Rhode Island Geographic Information System (RIGIS) established in 1990 by Rhode Island General Statutes §42-10-10 and 16-32-30, is responsible for the coordination of efforts of state offices and agencies, municipal governments, public and private academic institutions, and cooperating private sector interests for the provision of technical support and assistance in the development and maintenance of a common data base of geographically related information available for use by the citizens of the state; and

Whereas, the RIGIS Executive Committee and its member organizations through their actions seek to advise the Governor, the General Assembly, and State Chief Information Officer as to needed directions, responsibilities, and funding regarding geographic information, and;

Whereas, the Strategic Management Plan of the RIGIS adopted in 2004 and reaffirmed in 2006 supports national and sister state efforts as embodied within goals and objectives of strategic plans of the Federal Geographic Information Committee (FGDC) and the National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC) in the building and maintenance of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI); and

Whereas, the RIGIS Executive Committee and its member organizations attest to the economic benefits of acquiring and refreshing aerial imagery across the state on a regularly scheduled basis; 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 upon NSGIC members including Rhode Island to involve their state Councils to actively engage with public and private sector interests and present the merits of this proposal to the federal government and Congress; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE RHODE ISLAND GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (RIGIS) endorses the "Aerial Imagery for the Nation" initiative advanced by the National States Geographic Information Council. Further, it is resolved that the RIGIS will actively promote this initiative to Rhode Island's Governor, Congressional delegation, state and local government leadership, and stakeholders in geospatial activities throughout Rhode Island.

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