



**State of Tennessee  
Department of Finance and Administration  
Office For Information Resources  
GIS Services**

**Resolution in support of  
Imagery for the Nation**

Whereas, the State of Tennessee, Office for Information Resources, GIS Services section (OIR-GIS) functions as the administrative arm for developing and coordinating the Tennessee Base Mapping Program (TNBMP) and other GIS related activities in Tennessee, and

Whereas, the State of Tennessee OIR-GIS is seeking to revise and enhance the technical specifications for digital ortho imagery and aligning it with the “Imagery for the Nation” initiative developed by the National States Geographic Information Council that requests federal leadership and financial support for aerial imagery to be acquired and refreshed on a three-year cycle, and

Whereas, the Tennessee Base Mapping Program, has successfully produced statewide geospatial data products based on a \$32 million dollar investment from State and local governments for use in cadastral mapping, transportation planning, utility management, public safety, environmental management, and census map modernization, and

Whereas, “Imagery for the Nation” represents a new opportunity for the federal government through the vision of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure to help fund a truly coordinated imagery acquisition effort in Tennessee, and support or enhance the efforts of the Department of Homeland Security, and

Whereas, “Imagery for the Nation” will help reduce or eliminate duplication of effort in Tennessee through existing and competing Federally funded programs, and

Whereas, the State of Tennessee OIR-GIS is seeking to develop an enterprise GIS platform that will provide internet web-based access to the TNBMP data, “Imagery for the Nation” data products, and other GIS data holdings in the State to facilitate the National Spatial Data Infrastructure, and

Whereas the Tennessee Geographic Information Council (TNGIC) was established to improve the linkages between the various agencies working with GIS in Tennessee, and

Whereas, the TNGIC vision to stimulate and encourage the advancement of an interdisciplinary, professional approach to planning, design, operation, and use of Geographic Information Systems and related technology to meet the needs of public and private geospatial data users in the State of Tennessee, and



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Whereas, the TNGIC membership and end-users of the geospatial data produced from the TNBMP who are helping to create the foundation of the NSDI, are enabled to make better decisions and manage resources more effectively and efficiently would benefit the most from a Federally funded program that would ensure accurate and up to date geospatial data throughout the State of Tennessee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STATE OF TENNESSEE OIR-GIS AND THE TENNESSEE GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION COUNCIL endorses the "Imagery for the Nation" initiative developed by the National States Geographic Information Council.



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