

D R A F T #4
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Resolution 1 – 2005
Aerial Imagery for the Nation

WHEREAS, digital aerial imagery in the form of **digital orthophotos** provides a detailed, accurate, and necessary view of the earth's surface, and is the foundation for most public and private GIS (Geographic Information Systems) operations in this nation; and

WHEREAS, digital aerial imagery has been identified as a framework data theme of the NSDI (National Spatial Data Infrastructure); and

WHEREAS, our nation currently has no strategy or program to sufficiently fund, collect, manage, archive, or distribute aerial imagery; and

WHEREAS, federal funding should support nationwide production of standard multi-resolution products every three years; and

WHEREAS, local, state, regional, tribal, and private partners could pay to enhance standard products in specific areas based on need; and

WHEREAS, digital aerial imagery should remain in the public domain and be archived to secure its availability for future scientific, legal, and historical purposes; and

WHEREAS, as a nation we must effectively coordinate our imagery requirements to assure our investments are wise and efficient; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NSGIC is officially on record in support of its *Imagery for the Nation* initiative, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the NSGIC will work to identify additional organizations and agencies to endorse the *Imagery for the Nation* initiative; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the NSGIC will advance the *Imagery for the Nation* initiative to the US Congress at an appropriate time to authorize a national program and seek federal financial support for this initiative.

Dated this 29th Day of September 2005