

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## A Proclamation

*Whereas, The state's geographic landscape and data play a crucial role in understanding the history of Massachusetts and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) serve as a framework for gathering, managing, analyzing and displaying location-based information; and*

*Whereas, An understanding of geography and its applications in GIS help stakeholders and community leaders make more informed decisions around education, health care, public safety, transportation planning, preservation of natural resources, employment opportunities and more; and*

*Whereas, The Massachusetts geospatial community coordinates these efforts to minimize duplication, reduce costs, develop standards, inform high quality decision-making, influence outcomes and facilitate the sharing and interchange of geospatial data and knowledge; and*

*Whereas, The free flow of geospatial data enables better decisions to be made for resilient communities, plant and animal species, watershed health, business concerns and public health; and*

*Whereas, Geospatial professionals support state, local and regional government, academia, nonprofit and private sector organizations; and*

*Whereas, There is a need to promote GIS awareness, education and technical training among various groups across the state and a need to encourage the understanding of how leveraging geospatial data enhances the lives of all Massachusetts residents,*

*Now, Therefore, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim November 15th, 2023, to be,*

## GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS DAY

*And urge all residents of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.*

*Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this fifteenth day of November, in the year two thousand and twenty-three,  
and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-seventh.*

BY HER EXCELLENCY

**MAURA T. HEALEY**

GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

**KIMBERLEY DRISCOLL**

LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

**WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN**

SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

*God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts*