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OCTOBER 22, 2002

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating November 20, 2002, as "Pennsylvania GIS Day."

2 WHEREAS, Citizens of this Commonwealth recognize the vital
3 role of emerging technologies such as geographic information
4 systems (GIS) in our economy and government; and

5 WHEREAS, Geographic information includes data defining and
6 describing crucial features of people, places and things in our
7 Commonwealth, such as street addresses, municipal boundaries,
8 streams and watersheds, labor markets, land use zones, property
9 boundaries, public utilities, census tracts, transportation
10 networks, oil and gas well locations, wildlife management areas
11 and more; and

12 WHEREAS, The use, management and exchange of geographic
13 information and technology are essential components of effective
14 decision making and efficient management in business

1 enterprises, nonprofit organizations and Federal, State and
2 local government agencies; and

3 WHEREAS, Geographic information systems are key tools in
4 business management, homeland security, public health, land-use
5 planning, labor market analysis, transportation, environmental
6 protection, agriculture, law enforcement, economic development
7 and many other critical tasks in government, business and
8 academe; and

9 WHEREAS, Promoting the development of a Statewide
10 infrastructure that fosters the exchange of geographic
11 information and the use of GIS technology will enhance economic
12 growth and social welfare in this Commonwealth; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives, in recognition
14 of "National Geography Awareness Week," November 17 through 23,
15 2002, designate November 20, 2002, as "Pennsylvania GIS Day."