

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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OCTOBER 29, 2008

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 29, 2008

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of November 16 through 22, 2008, as
2 "National Geography Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania and
3 November 19, 2008, as "Pennsylvania Geographic Information
4 System Day."

5 WHEREAS, A geographic information system (GIS) is a computer
6 system application capable of capturing, storing, analyzing and
7 displaying geographically referenced information; and

8 WHEREAS, The information in GIS applications can include
9 street addresses, municipal boundaries, streams and watersheds,
10 labor markets, land use zones, property boundaries, public
11 utilities, census tracts, transportation networks, oil well and
12 gas well locations, wildlife management areas and more; and

13 WHEREAS, GIS applications are used for business management,
14 homeland security, public health, land use planning, labor
15 market analysis, transportation, environmental protection,
16 agriculture, law enforcement and economic development; and

17 WHEREAS, GIS applications relay information in a spatial

1 context, allowing users to analyze complex spatial
2 relationships; and

3 WHEREAS, A GIS is an objective decision-making tool that is
4 becoming increasingly useful for private industry and
5 governmental entities; and

6 WHEREAS, The Department of Labor has identified geospatial
7 technology, including GIS, as one of the three technologies with
8 the greatest potential for growth and job creation; and

9 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is a leader in geospatial technology
10 research and training and possesses many of the leading
11 geospatial technology firms in the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, Investment in geospatial technology by government,
13 private industry and academia will keep this Commonwealth in the
14 forefront of the industry; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
16 week of November 16 through 22, 2008, as "National Geography
17 Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania and November 19, 2008, as
18 "Pennsylvania Geographic Information System Day."