



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Government of The Bahamas has mandated the Bahamas National Geographic Information System (BNGIS) Centre, Ministry of the Environment, to be the central coordinating unit and repository for most Geospatial data related to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas;

AND WHEREAS, BNGIS is further mandated to advance the use of Geographic Information Systems within the Government to establish standards for Geospatial data formation, exchange, use and maintenance and to provide training and technical support to governmental and other groups;

AND WHEREAS, an understanding of Geography promotes geographic literacy in schools and is crucial to maintaining a balance in the prudent use of the country's natural resources;

AND WHEREAS, GIS, as a tool, can help to solve some of the problems that emerge from time to time in areas such as environmental protection, health care, land use, natural resources management, business efficiency, as well as in areas of educational and social inequities;

AND WHEREAS, there is a need to coordinate efforts to minimize duplication, reduce cost, develop standards, and to facilitate the sharing and interchange of GIS data, methods and knowledge;

AND WHEREAS, in commemoration of World Geographic Information System Day, November 18th, 2009, the Bahamas National Geographic Information System (BNGIS) Centre, Ministry of the Environment, has organized a schedule of activities designed to promote, educate and advance the practical and efficient use of GIS throughout the Commonwealth of the Bahamas;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Hubert A. Ingraham, Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, 18th November, 2009 as "**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM DAY**".

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my Hand and Seal
this ~~13th~~ day of November, 2009.


HUBERT A. INGRAHAM
PRIME MINISTER