

Resolution in Support of Aerial Imagery for North Carolina

Whereas, aerial imagery, in the form of digital orthophotos, is the foundation for most public and private geographic information systems in North Carolina; and

Whereas, this aerial imagery is developed by local, state, and federal government agencies in various pixel resolutions at widely irregular intervals, sometimes with costly duplication of efforts; and

Whereas, the Geographic Information Coordinating Council (GICC), established in August 2001 by North Carolina General Statutes §143-725 through 143-727, is responsible for advising the Governor, the General Assembly, and State Chief Information Officer as to needed directions, responsibilities, and funding regarding geographic information; and

Whereas, the GICC adopted the NC OneMap initiative that seeks to integrate local government digital orthophotos within a statewide Internet web-mapping service to better serve all government agencies and citizen information needs; and

Whereas, the NC OneMap Strategic Plan and Financing Strategy adopted by the GICC in 2004 attests to the economic benefits of acquiring and refreshing aerial imagery across the state on a regularly scheduled basis; and

Whereas, the National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC) passed an “Aerial Imagery for the Nation” initiative that requests federal leadership and financial support for aerial imagery to be acquired and refreshed on a three-year cycle; and

Whereas, the “Aerial Imagery for the Nation” initiative relies on NSGIC members to involve their state Councils to actively engage with public and private sector stakeholders and present the merits of this proposal to the federal government and Congress; and

Whereas, the GICC vision for a robust statewide aerial photography program in North Carolina is completely aligned to the same objectives in the “Aerial Imagery for the Nation” initiative.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NORTH CAROLINA GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION COORDINATING COUNCIL endorses the “Aerial Imagery for the Nation” initiative advanced by the National States Geographic Information Council. Further, it is resolved that the GICC will actively promote this initiative to statewide stakeholders, state and local government leadership, and the North Carolina Congressional delegation.

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