

Minnesota Governor's Council on Geographic Information
Resolution GCGI 03-01-01: Recommending Council Reauthorization

WHEREAS, data and information about the state's natural and cultural resources, and the human and economic activities that affect and are affected by those resources, are essential to all levels of government and other organizations that serve the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, significant investments in geographic data, geographic information technologies, and education and training are necessary to make effective use of such data and information; and

WHEREAS, coordination, technical standards, policies, and guidelines are needed to promote the effective and efficient use of geographic data and geographic information technologies; and

WHEREAS, the state benefits from a reliable source of expert advice about issues concerning uses of geographic data and geographic information technology and for developing options for addressing those issues; and

WHEREAS, the state benefits from an officially designated organization to represent Minnesota's interests in communications and discussions with Federal agencies regarding spatial data, spatial data exchanges, spatial data standards and other important issues; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Governor's Council on Geographic Information has been authorized through Executive Order since 1991 by every Minnesota Governor to pursue the objectives described above on behalf of Minnesota and has demonstrated its effectiveness in fulfilling those objectives; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 4.035, subdivision 3 specifies that the Executive Order authorizing the Minnesota Governor's Council on Geographic Information remains in effect until no later than April 6, 2003;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Minnesota Governor's Council on Geographic Information unanimously recommend that Governor Pawlenty reauthorize the Minnesota Governor's Council on Geographic through a new Executive Order so that the Council may continue its work on behalf of the state of Minnesota.

Resolution unanimously approved by the members of the Minnesota Governor's Council on Geographic Information at the January 16, 2003 Council meeting.