

**Minnesota Governor's Council on Geographic Information
Resolution 04-01: Support for Cooperative Technical Partnership with FEMA
Approved: January 8, 2004**

Whereas, the state of Minnesota assigns responsibility for administering floodplain management ordinances to its counties and cities; and

Whereas, proper administration of floodplain management ordinances require complete and accurate floodplain maps and related hydraulic data; and

Whereas, existing floodplain maps and hydraulic data often are outdated, inaccurate, lack pertinent information, and are a source of conflict between counties, cities, homes, and business owners in floodplains; and

Whereas, Minnesota's counties and cities look to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for assistance in administering floodplain ordinances; and

Whereas, the Department of Natural Resources, in cooperation with other state agencies, federal agencies, organizations representing local units of government, professional associations, educators and other stakeholders, has prepared a white paper recommending a coordinated program to develop elevation data needed by Minnesota's floodplain mapping program; and

Whereas, the high-resolution elevation data developed for floodplain mapping also is needed for other critical functions ranging from the planning, design, and management of transportation and flood control structures to precision agriculture; and

Whereas, the Minnesota Governor's Council on Geographic Information has identified digital elevation data as one of Minnesota's most important unmet data needs and has endorsed elevation data as a critical element of Minnesota's Spatial Data Infrastructure; and

Whereas, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has created a Cooperating Technical Partnership program to promote joint efforts between federal, state and local agencies to ensure that FEMA's floodplain mapping programs meet the needs of local communities; and

Whereas, Cooperating Technical Partnerships benefit participants with improved access to federal funds to support locally defined needs;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Minnesota Governor's Council on Geographic Information:

1. endorses Minnesota's participation with the Federal Emergency Management Agency as a Cooperating Technical Partner; and
2. recommends that Governor Tim Pawlenty authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to enter into a Cooperating Technical Partner agreement with FEMA on behalf of the state to help Minnesota communities maintain accurate, current flood hazard data.

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