

STATE of MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



JESSE VENTURA
GOVERNOR

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 99-6 PROVIDING FOR
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MINNESOTA GOVERNOR'S
COUNCIL ON GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION;
RESCINDING EXECUTIVE ORDER 93-17**

I, JESSE VENTURA, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

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, 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 of investments, practices and policies related to the development, management and use of geographic data and geographic information technologies is needed to enhance the stewardship of geographic data and to minimize duplication of effort and public expenditures; and

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

WHEREAS, Minnesota governmental policy makers and administrators need advice about priorities for publicly funded investments in geographic data and geographic information technologies and about policies and practices regarding issues such as data stewardship, data and technology standards, and the access, distribution and pricing of geographic data; and

WHEREAS, the state needs a reliable forum for obtaining advice about issues concerning Minnesota's users of geographic data and geographic information technology and for developing options for addressing those issues; and

WHEREAS, an officially designated organization can most strongly represent Minnesota's interests in communications and discussions with Federal agencies regarding spatial data, spatial data exchanges, spatial data standards and other important issues;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that:

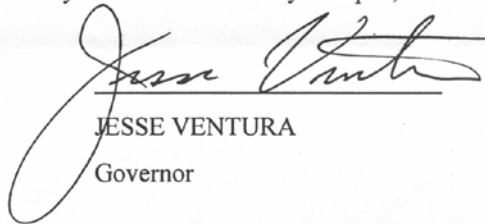
1. The Minnesota Governor's Council on Geographic Information, hereinafter referred to as the Council, shall be established to provide advice and support for coordination of activities, policies and investments regarding the development and use of geographic data and geographic information technologies within Minnesota.
2. The Council shall be comprised of no more than 18 voting members plus ex-officio members that represent the GIS/LIS Consortium, the Land Management Information Center, the Office of Technology, the Minnesota Legislature and the U.S. Geological Survey.
3. The Director of the Office of Strategic and Long-Range Planning shall appoint the Council's voting members to represent state government, higher education, local government, federal government, other public organizations and GIS users in the private sector. Nominations shall be solicited using the state's open appointments process and through an announcement in the Minnesota GIS/LIS Consortium newsletter.
4. The Director of the Office of Strategic and Long-Range Planning shall appoint a chair for the Council from the voting membership.

5. The Council shall formulate and adopt a charter for its own operation and the formation of topical advisory committees. No more than 15 members may be reimbursed for expenses as provided in Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 15.0593.
6. The Council shall receive administrative staff support from the Office of Strategic and Long-Range Planning and technical staff support from the Land Management Information Center.
7. The Council shall, upon request, provide advice and consultation to the Land Management Information Center on policies and practices that impact Minnesota's users of geographic information technology.
8. The Council shall prepare an annual report each year to the Governor, to be submitted through the Director of the Office of Strategic and Long-Range Planning, describing accomplishments from the previous year and plans and recommendations for the future.

This Order shall be reviewed by the Governor, in consultation with the affected agency or agencies, every two years in order to assess its reasonableness and need

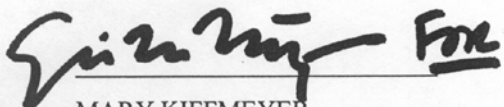
Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 4.035, subd. 2, this Order shall be effective fifteen (15) days after publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of State and shall remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 4.035, subd. 3.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this second day of April, 1999.



JESSE VENTURA
Governor

Filed According to Law:



MARY KIFFMEYER
Secretary of State

