



GIS DAY & WEEK  
PROCLAMATION

PRIME MINISTER THE RT. HON. PERRY G. CHRISTIE

**WHEREAS**, the Government has mandated The Bahamas National Geographic Information Systems (BNGIS) Centre, Office of the Prime Minister; to be the central coordinating unit and repository for most Geospatial data related to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, to act as a resource for the advancement of the use of GIS within Government, to lead the establishment of standards for Geospatial data formation, exchange, use, and maintenance and to provide training and technical support to governmental agencies and other groups;

**AND WHEREAS**, a comprehensive, consistent and up-to-date, readily available and accessible GIS and the management, use and exchange of geographic information are essential for effective decision making by governmental agencies;

**AND WHEREAS**, Geography awareness promotes geographic literacy in schools and understanding geographic concepts is crucial to maintaining a balance among the wise use of the Country's natural resources;

**AND WHEREAS**, GIS is used as a tool to help solve problems in areas such as the environmental protection, health care, land use, natural resources management, business efficiency, educational and social inequities;

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

**AND WHEREAS**, there is a need to promote, educate, and advance the practical and efficient use of GIS through the Islands of The Bahamas;

**AND WHEREAS**, the global GIS community has joined together to recognize 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2005 as GIS DAY 2005 and the week of 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2005 as GIS Week;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Perry G. Christie, Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas do hereby proclaim November 14<sup>th</sup> 2005 as "GIS WEEK" and 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2005 as "NATIONAL GIS DAY".

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I  
have hereunto set my Hand and  
Seal this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October,  
2005.

  
PERRY G. CHRISTIE  
PRIME MINISTER

