

PROCLAMATION

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology enables Marion County to model complex relationships and patterns for more informed decision-making, to better serve its residents, and to provide accessible geographic information as a platform for innovation; and

WHEREAS, Marion County recognizes that understanding, using, and applying geospatial technology are crucial for operating infrastructure, sustaining natural resources, and stimulating economic growth, thereby benefiting the welfare of the public throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to promote GIS awareness, education and technical training to use this rapidly developing technology to its full potential; and

WHEREAS, the Marion County Board of County Commissioners acknowledges those that have chosen GIS as their profession or as part of their discipline to improve the lives of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, having a day of GIS events open to students, citizens, and government leaders will help promote STEM education and inspire others to a higher calling to use technology for good;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in us do hereby proclaim the day of **November 20, 2024** as:

“GIS Day”

DULY PROCLAIMED this 19th day of **November 2024**.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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