



PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 15, 2023, AS GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS) DAY

WHEREAS, the City of Harrisonburg recognizes that an understanding, use and application of geospatial technology is crucial to operating our infrastructure, sustaining our natural resources, and stimulating economic growth, thus, benefitting the welfare of the public throughout Harrisonburg; and

WHEREAS, geographic information systems (GIS) technology allows us to see and model complex relationships and patterns to more intelligently respond; 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 City of Harrisonburg 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 activities open to the public, City employees and government leaders will help promote STEM education and inspire others to a higher calling to use technology for good; and

WHEREAS, the City of Harrisonburg is committed to utilizing GIS to inform decision making and better serve its residents and make useful geographic information open and easily available to the public, as a platform for innovation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Deanna Reed, Mayor of the City of Harrisonburg, proclaim November 15th, 2023 as GIS Day in the City of Harrisonburg and encourage the public to celebrate the day by engaging with GIS resources provided by the City and by attending the GIS Day open house in the City Hall Main Lobby on November 15th, 2023.

GIVEN under my hand this 24th day of October, 2023.

BY: _____
Deanna R. Reed, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Pamela Ulmer, City Clerk