



November 18, 2020

The Honorable John Curtis
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Curtis:

On behalf of MAPPs and its member firms, I want to congratulate you on introducing a resolution in the House of Representatives in recognition of GIS Day 2020.

As you are aware, geographic information system (GIS) data enriches everyday life in America and for people throughout the world. GIS data plays an essential role in delivering critical services to the public; generating economic growth opportunities for individuals and businesses, alike; enhancing educational opportunities for students; preparing for and confronting natural disasters; rendering mission critical services to government agencies; and addressing public health crises, such as the COVID-19 pandemic. In short, GIS allows us to make more informed decisions that help to better our world.

MAPPs is the leading national association of private sector firms in the geospatial profession in the United States, representing more than 10,000 individuals in geospatial-related positions. A primary goal of our association is to enhance the understanding of Members of Congress and their staffs about the capabilities of geospatial data and its related technologies. I can think of no better means to educate Congress – and the general public – about geospatial issues than a resolution recognizing the many benefits of GIS data and the geospatial profession.

I applaud you for your commitment to GIS issues and commend you for introducing your resolution designating November 18, 2020, as “National GIS Day.”

On behalf of MAPPs, its member firms, and individuals involved in the geospatial profession, I thank you for your efforts and am grateful for your leadership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark W. Brooks". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Mark W. Brooks
President, MAPPs