PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, technology plays a vital role in the continued growth of our community and the use, management and exchange of geographic information technology is necessary for effective decision making by local, state and federal governmental agencies; and

WHEREAS, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) provide data that allows for the identification of patterns and relationships of real-world conditions that ultimately lead to better decisions and improved delivery of services for the residents of Bloomington and surrounding counties; and

WHEREAS, geographic information has many useful applications and is a valuable resource used in the analysis of infrastructure, emergency services, homeland security, economic development and long-range planning; and

WHEREAS, every year, we celebrate Geographic Information Systems Day to promote geographic literacy and ensure that young Americans, our future leaders, will possess the necessary tools to understand, operate and succeed within our ever changing, interconnected world; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington remains committed to utilizing GIS to create programs to better manage City services and coordinate the compilation and distribution of vital information.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Hamilton, Mayor of the City of Bloomington, do hereby proclaim November 10, 2016, as Geographic Information Systems Day in Bloomington, Indiana.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed, the Seal of the City of Bloomington this 24th day of October 2016.

John Hamilton, Mayor
City of Bloomington