

**National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC)
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Resolution 2 – 2005

Governance for the National Spatial Data Infrastructure

WHEREAS, the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) was established as a national priority by Presidential Executive Order 12906 in 1993, as critically important to the fundamental business processes and functions of all government agencies at all levels across the nation; and

WHEREAS, GIS coordinating councils have been working with NSDI stakeholders in federal agencies, state agencies, tribal governments, local and regional governments, and the private sector and academic communities for over ten years to develop components of the NSDI; and

WHEREAS, as a nation we must effectively coordinate the activities of all stakeholders to accelerate the development and ensure the maintenance of the NSDI to support public safety and emergency management, economic development, natural resource management, and social service allocation and provision for the people of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Geographic Data Committee's (FGDC) Future Directions Initiative identified NSDI governance restructuring, sustainable funding, a national geospatial investment strategy, and the NSGIC Fifty States Initiative as key elements for NSDI success that need to be addressed collaboratively by the stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the Governance Action Team for the Future Directions Initiative, which included four NSGIC members and stakeholders from all other sectors, developed a report, entitled *Governance of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure*, to renew national focus on the NSDI;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT NSGIC strongly endorses the key criteria for NSDI success as contained in the *Governance of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure* report; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT NSGIC will work with the FGDC Steering Committee to define specific implementation steps that are consistent with the criteria for success identified in the report; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT NSGIC strongly encourages the FGDC Steering Committee to work collaboratively with all stakeholders to implement the recommendations in the report as expeditiously as possible.

Dated this 27th Day of September 2005