

CITY OF YAKIMA PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Yakima 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 general public throughout Yakima County; and

WHEREAS, geographic information systems (GIS) technology allows use 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 Yakima acknowledges those that have chosen GIS as their profession or as part of their discipline to improve the lives of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, to recognize and support the efforts of nonprofits who work on activities to improve conservation, human services, and various humanitarian efforts to better our world; and

WHEREAS, having a day of GIS activities open to students, citizens, 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 Yakima is committed to utilizing GIS to inform decision making and better serve its residents to make useful geographic information open and easily available to the public, as a platform for innovation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice Deccio, Mayor of the City of Yakima, and on behalf of the Yakima City Council, do hereby proclaim November 16, 2022 as

“GIS Day”

in the City of Yakima and encourage residents to acknowledge the professionals that work daily to maintain communications for everyone.

Dated this 15th day of November 2022

Janice Deccio, Mayor