

## **Resolution in support for making CLUs publicly available**

Whereas United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Common Land Unit (CLU) data have been readily available and easily accessible to the public through Natural Resources and Conservation Service (NRCS) Data Gateway since 2004; and

Whereas Section 1619 of the 2008 Farm Bill included restrictions upon the release of CLU data which negatively impacted state and local government, agricultural professionals, producers, landowners, and others in North Dakota who utilize that data; and

Whereas public access to CLU data would assist North Dakota state agencies and the private sector; and

Whereas, the GIS Technical Committee (GISTC) was established in 1995 through Executive Order 1995-05 and re-affirmed by Executive Order 2001-06, is responsible for coordinating GIS activities within North Dakota, act as a clearinghouse for GIS activities, and is responsible for the orderly accumulation and dissemination of geospatial data; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NORTH DAKOTA GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE** urge the United States Congress to reinstate, by any means necessary, public access to the CLU data.

Adopted December 10, 2008 by the North Dakota GIS Technical Committee

