

Proclamation

WHEREAS the people of [city or state] recognize the vital role that geographic knowledge plays in the current and future success of our great [city or state]; and

WHEREAS we understand that geography, more than simply knowing state capitals, is understanding how people and places interact, where things come from, and how we connect in a global world; and

WHEREAS geography is an essential part of a 21st century education and geographic literacy is critical to success in a world marketplace; and

WHEREAS recent surveys have shown that our children are not getting enough geography education to understand the world around them and are unprepared for an increasingly global future; and

WHEREAS National Geographic and a coalition of major national partners have created My Wonderful World, a campaign to increase geographic learning at home, in school, and in the community, and for the 2006–07 school year will kick off a multiyear, around-the-world curriculum program with Africa; and

WHEREAS since 1987 the National Geographic Society has sponsored Geography Awareness Week to promote geographic literacy in schools, communities, and organizations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I [name], [title], so hereby proclaim November 12–18, 2006, as

Geography Awareness Week

in [city or state] and encourage the people of [city or state] to recognize the importance of geography and of geography education, and to strive to increase geographic learning in our lives, schools, and communities.