

**Steele County  
Resolution establishing Open GIS Data**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Steele creates, maintains and possesses valuable geographic information systems (GIS) data to support its various business purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Steele recognizes that this GIS data is also a public resource and there are significant benefits to making this data freely and openly available; and

**WHEREAS**, the emergence and continued refinement of new information technology has dramatically changed the way citizens search for and expect to find, consume and utilize information, and such technology can aggregate ever larger quantities of data and allow government to provide information to the public with increasing efficiency; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Steele can leverage this technology to meet the public demand for information, enhance public access to government data and make government processes transparent in order to promote public trust; and

**WHEREAS**, ensuring the quality, consistency and availability of such data is a core function of government and is essential to maintaining the data's value and utility;

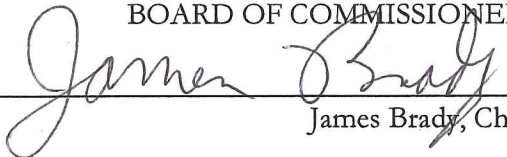
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Steele County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes its GIS Department to publish its public geospatial data on a website in a commonly recognized and easily produced form, available for download by anyone at no cost, subject to accepting the terms of the data disclaimer GIS data usage agreement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Steele County Board of Commissioners hereby reserves the right for county business units to charge fees for GIS data provided in other forms and to accommodate special requests for maps, data, and analysis under the applicable rules and statutes that govern said requests; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Steele County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes qualified members of its staff to coordinate with other counties, cities, governments and agencies through state agencies to share and publish its GIS data in common formats through common websites and public data portals to increase public awareness of its availability and promote its use.

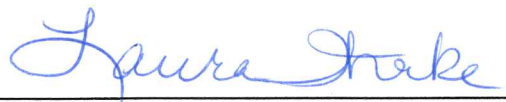
This resolution shall become effective upon its passage and without further publication.  
Dated this 28th day of February, 2017.

STEELE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
James Brady, Chair

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly passed, adopted and approved by the County Board of said County on the 28th day of February, 2017.

  
Laura Ihrke, Steele County Auditor