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### Resolution of IMAGIN (R2008-01)

## Urging Statewide Collection of High-Resolution Orthoimagery in Michigan

Improving

Michigan's

Access to

Geographic

Information

**WHEREAS**, geographic data (critical infrastructure maps, transportation maps, land ownership/parcel maps, drain inventories, land use maps, zoning maps) are at the core of local, county, state, and federal business practices to protect the life and property of citizens, promote economic development, manage resources, and advance homeland security preparedness and response activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens and businesses of Michigan are taxed by local, county, state, and federal governments; and

**WHEREAS**, a single, high-resolution (*12-inch resolution or better*), state-wide set of orthoimagery would meet the needs of the vast majority of users at the local, county, regional, state, and federal level; and,

**WHEREAS**, the public availability of high-resolution orthoimagery and other geographic data is a critical asset in economic development, with the State of Indiana documenting a 34:1 return on investment through the Indiana Geographic Information Council's coordinated, statewide acquisition project in 2005;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that IMAGIN, Inc., representing over 250 professionals and over 100 supporting organizations consisting of private, public, and non-profit organizations encourages the State of Michigan and the Federal Government to adopt a program similar to the Imagery for the Nation initiative outlined by the National States Geographic Information Council (*NSGIC*) to assure that a single, high-resolution orthoimagery dataset is publically available for all 83 counties of Michigan on a routine basis, at the lowest expense to the individual taxpayer.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this Resolution be sent to Governor Jennifer Granholm, Members of the State and Federal Senate and House of Representatives, Michigan Association of Counties, Michigan Municipal League, and Michigan Township Association.

I, Thomas Van Bruggen, Secretary of IMAGIN Inc., do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the Board at its regular meeting on November 13, 2008

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008

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Thomas Van Bruggen, Secretary