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To: Goodhue County Board of Commissioners

From: Chad Steffen, Emergency Services Captain

Re: **Recognition of Goodhue County GIS Team – GIS Day**

For Your Information

As part of GIS Day, I want to take a moment to recognize and highlight the work of Goodhue County's Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Team and the critical role they play in supporting public safety across our county.

Our GIS Team provides far more than maps—they deliver vital tools that enhance our ability to respond effectively in emergencies, manage resources efficiently, and keep our communities safe. Their work impacts nearly every facet of our operations, including:

- **911 Dispatching & Response:** Maintaining accurate address points, road centerlines, and jurisdictional boundaries ensures Public Safety Telecommunicators can quickly locate callers and route first responders without delay.
- **Incident Mapping & Analysis:** Providing situational awareness during critical incidents through real-time mapping and spatial analysis.
- **Resource Allocation:** Supporting fire, EMS, and law enforcement with data-driven planning for response coverage and resource placement.
- **Interagency Coordination:** Supplying GIS data to local, regional, and state partners to improve interoperability and emergency planning.

The precision, timeliness, and innovation of our GIS Team directly improve the quality and effectiveness of our public safety services. Their behind-the-scenes contributions often go unseen, yet they are essential to the safety and wellbeing of Goodhue County residents, businesses, and visitors.

On behalf of emergency services countywide, I extend our appreciation to the GIS Team for their dedication and commitment to excellence. Their work exemplifies the collaborative spirit that makes Goodhue County a safer place to live, work, and visit.

Respectfully,

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