

NEW YORK STATE GIS ASSOCIATION

Recognition of efforts as a

Lifetime Achievement

is hereby granted to

Cheryl Benjamin

Throughout her career, Cheryl Benjamin has displayed unwavering commitment to promoting spatial data and the relationships necessary to sustain it. Her tireless efforts have earned Cheryl the respect of partners in all levels of government, and among peers nationwide. Cheryl is well recognized as a top national leader in addressing and spatial data in support of 9-1-1 systems.

Cheryl joined the National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC), NG 9-1-1 Committee and the Address Committee, and later was asked to be NSGIC's Liaison to the National Emergency Number Association (NENA). Cheryl was later elected to the NSGIC Board of Directors. Cheryl co-chairs the NENA NG9-1-1 GIS Data Model Standard, and Site/Structure Address Point GIS Data for 9-1-1 Standard committees. Cheryl also chairs the NENA Civic Location Data Exchange Format Standard committee. In 2016 Cheryl was awarded the NENA Volunteer of the Year.

Cheryl's activities on the national stage have made her all the more effective here in New York. Cheryl has built relationships with the entire 9-1-1 community of the state as well as every addressing authority. Every county voluntarily participates in the Street Address Maintenance (SAM) program which Cheryl leads. From her days as a Mapping Technician in the Cartography Unit of the Mapping Services Bureau, to her national leadership role, Cheryl's attention to detail, and work ethic have made her contributions truly extraordinary.

It is with great pleasure that we recognize Cheryl Benjamin for all of her contributions to both the National and State GIS communities.



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Colin Reilly, President