



AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES
of Mississippi

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RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE PORT OF GULFPORT RESTORATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Hurricane Katrina struck the Mississippi Gulf Coast on August 29, 2005, and with neighboring states caused the greatest natural disaster ever to occur in the State of Mississippi and the United States, including almost complete destruction of the facilities and infrastructure of the Mississippi State Port at Gulfport; and

WHEREAS, the American Council of Engineering Companies of Mississippi serves our members and the State of Mississippi by promoting economic welfare and professional integrity; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized by the American Council of Engineering Companies of Mississippi that restoration and redevelopment of the Port at Gulfport is vital to the continued economic recovery and development of the Gulf Coast and the entire State of Mississippi from the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, a key element of the restoration is the procurement of engineering services for the redevelopment, design and modernization of Port facilities which could bring substantial, new and better jobs; a higher quality of life; facilitate and maximize the future growth of Port operations through private investment; and bring business and economic development opportunities into the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the American Council of Engineering Companies of Mississippi finds that the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport's revitalization plan enhances our organization's purpose of advancing the value of the professional engineer to the public regarding the work of the professional engineer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the American Council of Engineering Companies of Mississippi does hereby express its support for the restoration and redevelopment concept for the Mississippi State Port at Gulfport.

On Behalf of the Board of Directors,


Judy Adams, Executive Director