

There came on for consideration at a duly constituted meeting of the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2009, the following Resolution:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GULFPORT CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGING AND ENDORSING THE PROPOSED RESTORATION AND REDEVELOPMENT CONCEPT AS ADOPTED BY THE MISSISSIPPI STATE PORT AUTHORITY FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE PORT AT GULFPORT**

**WHEREAS**, on August 29, 2005 Hurricane Katrina struck the Mississippi Gulf Coast and with neighboring states causing 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 City of Gulfport is committed to the support of responsible economic development, enhancement of the quality of life of its citizens and restoration of the City in order to bring citizens back to the City of Gulfport, following Hurricane Katrina; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recognized by the Gulfport City Council and its members that restoration and redevelopment of the Port at Gulfport is vital to the continued economic recovery and development of Gulfport; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Port of Gulfport's restoration program is to facilitate the restoration of public infrastructure and publicly owned facilities that were destroyed by Hurricane Katrina, to provide storm mitigation against future damage for the community, and to provide for the long term recovery of the operating capacity of the Port.

**WHEREAS**, the concept adopted for restoration and redevelopment of the Port facilities would allow and accommodate future growth of Port facilities which could result in a substantial number of new and better jobs and a higher quality of life; facilitate and maximize the future growth of Port operations through private investment while at the same time seeking to minimize disruption and intrusion south of U. S. Highway 90, Phase I, by port activities and operations; and bring business and economic development opportunities into Gulfport; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gulfport City Council wishes to express its support for the concept adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Mississippi State Port at Gulfport on October 24, 2008, with respect to activities or operations south of U. S. Highway 90 for restoration and redevelopment of the Mississippi State Port at Gulfport, finding and declaring the same essential to our joint mission and purpose of advancing the well being of citizens of Gulfport; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** That the matters, facts, and things recited in the Preamble hereto are hereby adopted as the official findings of the Governing Authority.

**SECTION 2.** That the Gulfport City Council does hereby express its support for the concept adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Mississippi State Port at Gulfport for restoration and redevelopment of the Mississippi State Port at Gulfport with respect to activities or operations south of U. S. Highway 90.

**SECTION 3.** That this Resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its passage and enactment according to law, and shall be spread upon the minutes of the Gulfport City Council and a copy hereof shall be sent to the Board of Commissioners of the Mississippi State Port.

The above and foregoing Resolution, after having been first reduced to writing and read by the Clerk, was introduced by Councilmember Holmes-Hines, seconded by Councilmember Casey, and was adopted by the following roll call vote:

**AYES**

Casey  
Roland  
Holmes-Hines  
Walker  
Dombrowski  
Flowers  
Pucheu

**NAYS**

None

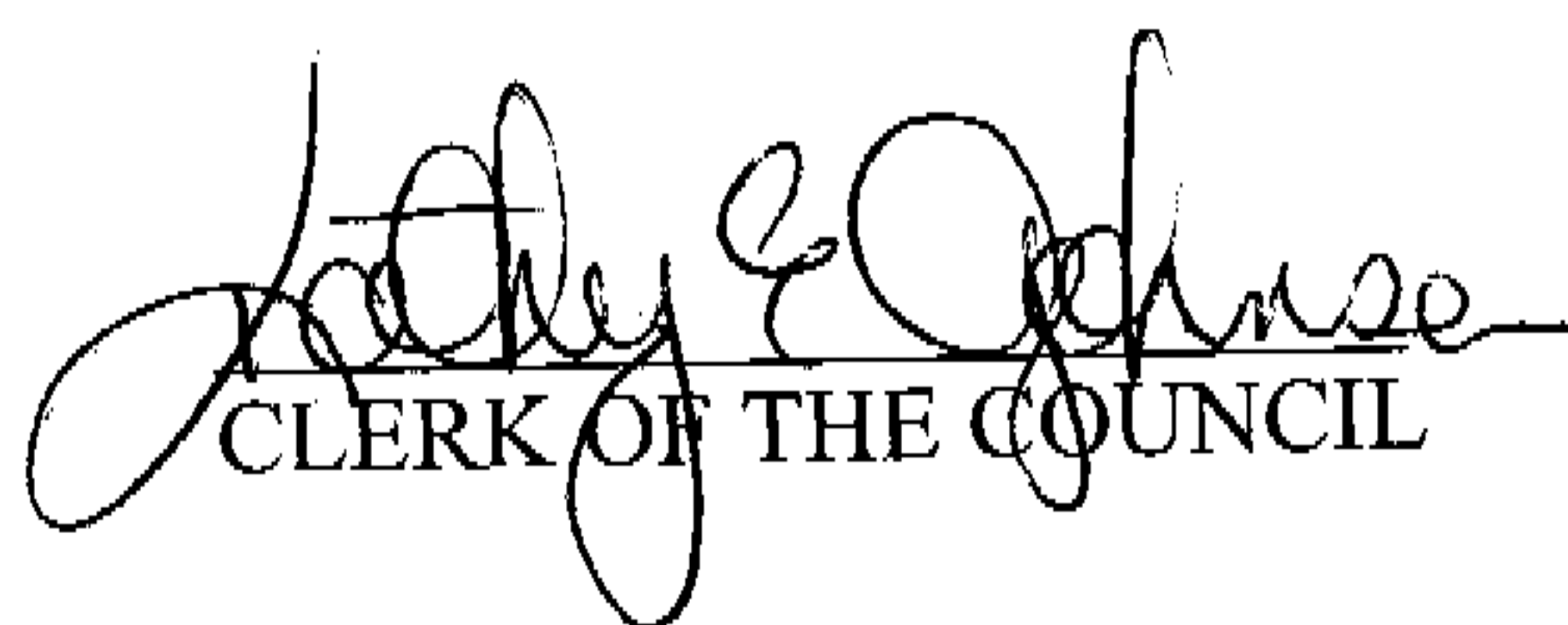
**ABSENT**

None

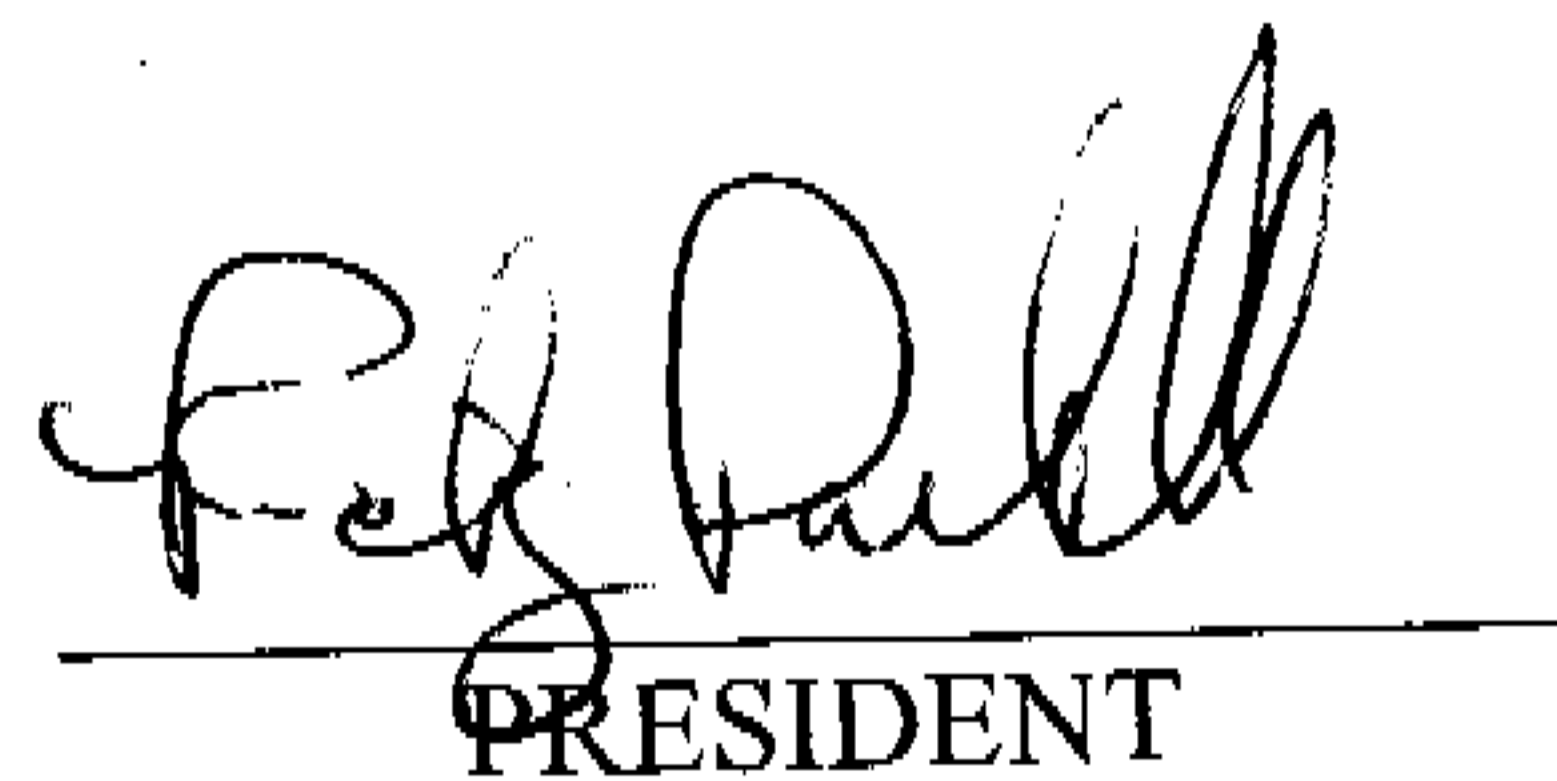
WHEREUPON the President declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted, this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2009.

(SEAL:)

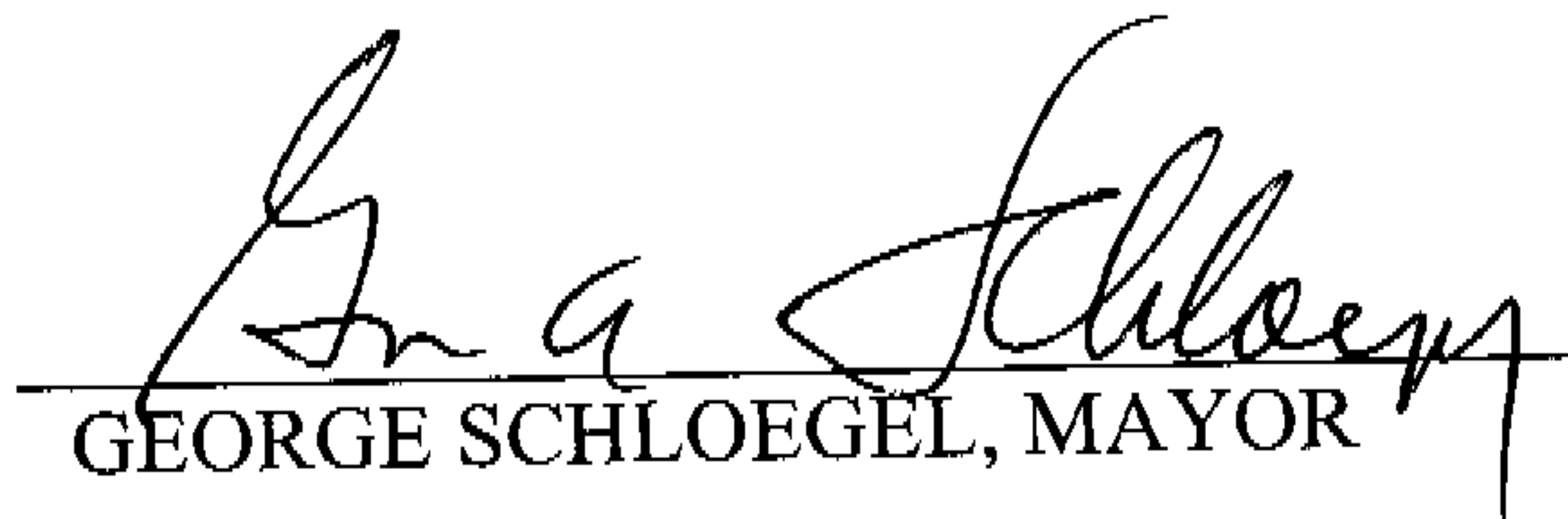
ATTEST:

  
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

ADOPT

  
PRESIDENT

The above and foregoing Resolution, having been submitted and approved by the Mayor, this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2009.

  
GEORGE SCHLOEGEL, MAYOR