RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE
PORT OF GULFPORT RESTORATION PROGRAM

A RESOLUTION OF THE HARRISON COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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, it is recognized by the Harrison County Council of Governments that restoration
and redevelopment of the Port at Gulfport is vital to the continued economic recovery and
development of the Mississippi Gulf Coast and the entire State of Mississippi from the
devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina; 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 and to provide for
the long term recovery of the operating capacity of the Port; and

WHEREAS, the concept adopted for restoration and redevelopment of the Port facilities
would allow and accommodate future growth 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 economic development
opportunities into the coastal region and the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Harrison County Council of Governments wishes to express its support for
the concept adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Mississippi State Port Authority
at Gulfport 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 Mississippi; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Harrison County Council of Governments
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.

Leo McDermott, Chairman

Date

1/29/10