

*Orange Grove/Lyman*  
**CHAMBER  
OF COMMERCE**

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There came on for consideration at a duly constituted meeting of the President and Board of Directors of the Orange Grove/Lyman Chamber of Commerce, held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009, the following Resolution was therefore adopted:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGE GROVE/LYMAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
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 but not limited to almost complete destruction of the facilities and infrastructure of the Mississippi State Port at Gulfport; and

**WHEREAS**, the Orange Grove/Lyman Chamber of Commerce's mission is to promote economic development and improve the quality of life in Harrison County; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recognized by the Orange Grove/Lyman Chamber of Commerce that the restoration and redevelopment of the Port at Gulfport is vital to the continued economic recovery and development of Harrison County; 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 surrounding community, and to provide for the long term recovery of the operating capacity of the Port; and

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**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; and bring business and economic development opportunities to Harrison County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Orange Grove/Lyman Chamber of Commerce 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 State Port at Gulfport, as it furthers the Chamber's mission; advances the well being of citizens of Orange Grove and Lyman; and enhances Harrison County and the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Orange Grove/Lyman Chamber of Commerce does hereby express its support for the restoration plan adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport for the redevelopment of the State Port at Gulfport.

The above and foregoing Resolution, after having been first reduced to writing and read by the President, was introduced by Billy News, seconded by Chuck Joston and was adopted by the following roll call vote: