



## RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF PORTS AMERICA GROUP 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 State of Mississippi and the United States, including almost complete destruction of the facilities and infrastructure at the Mississippi State Port at Gulfport, and

**WHEREAS**, Ports America Group is the largest American terminal operator, stevedore and vehicle processor with operations in 50 ports and 97 terminals within the United States, Mexico and Chile.

**WHEREAS**, it is recognized by Ports America Group that restoration and redevelopment of the Mississippi State Port at Gulfport is vital to the continued economic recovery and development of Harrison County, as well as the entire State of Mississippi, from the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina; and

**WHEREAS**, the concept for restoration and redevelopment by the Mississippi State Port at Gulfport which has been adopted focuses on restoration and redevelopment of the Port facilities in such a way as to protect persons and

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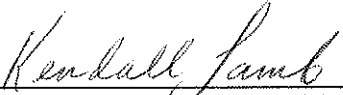
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property in Gulfport from collateral damage in future storms due to port operations, maintain and protect investment by existing customers at the port, facilitate and maximize the future growth of port operations through private investment while at the same time seeking to minimize community displacement, disruption and intrusion by port activities and operations; 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, higher quality of life, businesses and economic development opportunities into the coastal region and the state of Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, Ports America Group wishes to express its enthusiastic 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, finding and declaring the same essential to our joint missions and purpose of advancing the well being of citizens of Mississippi, especially those in South Mississippi; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Ports America Group does hereby express its enthusiastic 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.

  
Kendall Lamb, General Manager  
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