

**RESOLUTION OF GULFPORT MAIN STREET ASSOCIATION
IN SUPPORT OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE PORT AUTHORITY'S RESTORATION
PLAN AND THE USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS
FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE PORT**

WHEREAS, the Gulfport Main Street Association is a non-profit corporation formed for the purpose of supporting the revitalization of downtown Gulfport; and

WHEREAS, the redevelopment of the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport is critical to the economic revitalization of the City and the entire Gulf Coast Region; and

WHEREAS, the MSPA's Restoration Plan would not only enhance the competitive position of the Port in the maritime marketplace, but also designate a portion of MSPA property adjacent to Gulfport's historic downtown district for non-maritime development; and

WHEREAS, the redevelopment of the Port would stimulate investment in quality retail businesses, restaurants, hotels, entertainment, and cultural activities in downtown Gulfport;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gulfport Main Street Association that the Association does hereby support the redevelopment of the Mississippi State Port at Gulfport and further requests that the Mississippi Development Authority and the Department of Housing and Urban Development approve the use of Community Development Block Grant funds for this project.

This the 29th day of January, 2009.



EDDIE APPEL, PRESIDENT



LISA BRADLEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR