RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE GULF COAST BUSINESS 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 State the Mississippi and the United States, including almost complete destruction of the facilities and infrastructure at the Mississippi State Port at Gulfport; and

WHEREAS, the Gulf Coast Business Council is a mission-driven organization of over 250 business leaders in the three coastal counties of Mississippi and the unified voice of business on matters of public policy which are important to our region; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized by the Gulf Coast Business Council and its members 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 of the 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 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, the Gulf Coast Business Council 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 the Gulf Coast Business Council 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.

With a quorum of the Members of the Board of Directors present and by a majority vote
in the affirmative, the President declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted on the
13th day of January, 2009.

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Brian W. Sanderson, President
GULF COAST BUSINESS COUNCIL