

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

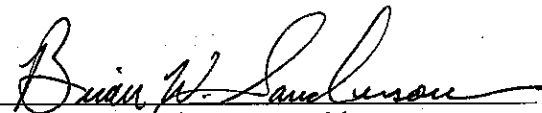
WHEREAS, the concept for restoration and redevelopment by the Mississippi State Port at Gulfport which has been adopted focuses on restoration and redevelopment of the Port facilities in such a way as to protect persons and property in Gulfport from collateral damage in future storms due to port operations, 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.


Brian W. Sanderson, President
GULF COAST BUSINESS COUNCIL