RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST 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
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 Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce is a membership organization
comprised of businesses in Harrison County and throughout South Mississippi; through a partnership
among the Biloxi, Gulfport, Long Beach, and Pass Christian Chambers of Commerce, Coast Chamber
promotes community and economic development on the Mississippi Gulf Coast; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized by the Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce 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 Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce wishes to express its 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce
does hereby express its 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 majority of the Members of the Board of Directors present and by unanimous
vote in the affirmative, the Chair declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted on
the 18th day of February, 2009.

[Signature]
John McFarland, Chair
MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST CHAMBER OF COMMERCE