

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1416

WHEREAS, the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA), created in 2006, provides for the sharing of offshore oil and gas leasing revenues with Gulf producing states for coastal projects; and

WHEREAS, on April 26, 2018, the United States Department of Interior announced the first disbursement of money under Phase II of GOMESA; and

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi will receive \$22,203,639.55 of Phase II money; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources have created a Program Framework for the Mississippi GOMESA Phase II:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Mississippi, do hereby adopt the *Mississippi GOMESA Phase II Program Framework* and create the Mississippi GOMESA Committee to evaluate and recommend potential projects to the Governor.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Mississippi GOMESA Committee shall be advisory in nature and composed of the Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, the Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, and the Executive Director of the Mississippi Development Authority or their respective designees. The Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources shall be the Chair of the Mississippi GOMESA Committee.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Mississippi's GOMESA Phase II money will be administered through the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE at the Capitol in the City of Jackson, the 27th day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-second.



Handwritten signature of Phil Bryant in black ink.

PHIL BRYANT
GOVERNOR