

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1298

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the Deepwater Horizon explosion in April of 2010 and resulting oil spill, the RESTORE Act was passed by the United States Congress in June of 2012 and signed by the President in July of 2012; and

WHEREAS, the RESTORE Act directs that 80% of federal Clean Water Act penalties assessed against responsible parties as a result of the oil spill be directed to the five Gulf states impacted by the oil spill; and

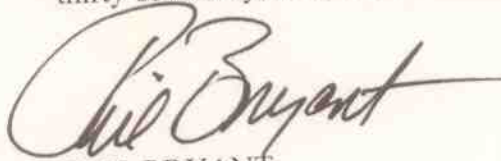
WHEREAS, the RESTORE Act provides that the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality shall administer Mississippi's share of funds under the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Governor, being keenly aware of the adverse effects of the oil spill to the ecology and economy of our Gulf Coast, seeks input, advice and recommendations for restoration projects from the citizenry, public officials, and business and community leaders residing in the Gulf Coast area:

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 establish an advisory team to be designated as the "GoCoast 2020 Team" and to be composed of public officials and business and community leaders residing in the Gulf Coast area. The Governor shall appoint such number of members as he deems necessary who shall serve voluntarily. The Team, which shall be composed of such committees as shall be determined by the Governor, shall be headed by the Executive Director of the Department of Environmental Quality. The Team shall also be composed of the agency heads of the Department of Marine Resources, the Department of Employment Security and the Mississippi Development Authority. The Governor shall appoint chairs or co-chairs of each committee. The Governor hereby charges the GoCoast 2020 Team to act quickly to chart a 2020 VISION for the Gulf Coast and give advice and make recommendations to the Governor for initiatives and projects related to eco-restoration, economic development, small business, seafood, tourism, education, infrastructure, and workforce development. Further, the Governor directs the GoCoast 2020 Team to compile a report of recommendations and file it with the Office of the Governor no later than January of 2013.

IN WITNESS 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, this the 21st day of August, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve, and of the two hundred and thirty-seventh year of the United States of America.


PHIL BRYANT
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR


C. DELBERT HOSEMANN, JR.
SECRETARY OF STATE