

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



A Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Gulf Coast is home to some of the nation's most productive shellfish and finfish waters and their supporting coastal wetlands and is rich in natural resources on which many generations have depended for their livelihoods; and

WHEREAS, marine debris in our waterways poses serious threats to marine wildlife, navigation and our communities; and

WHEREAS, as part of the International Coastal Cleanup (ICC), sponsored by Ocean Conservancy, the Mississippi Coastal Cleanup is the largest single-day cleanup of Mississippi's beaches and waterways; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, as reported by the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, state coordinator for the ICC, 3,205 volunteers picked up 3,022 bags of trash weighing over 23 tons at 66 sites along 190 miles of coastal waterways in Hancock, Harrison and Jackson counties; and

WHEREAS, over the past 20 years, volunteers have collected more than 1 million pounds of debris from Mississippi's coastal waterways and shorelines; and

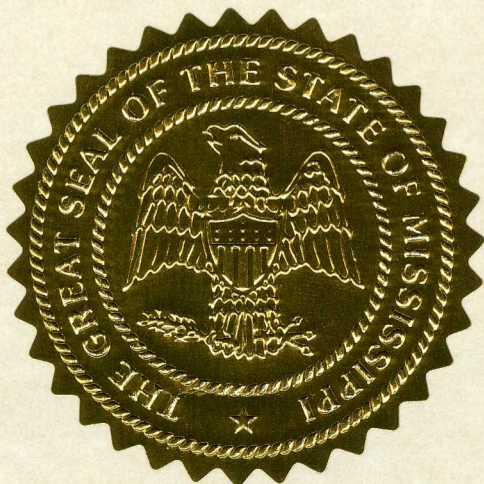
WHEREAS, Governor Barbour presented the Mississippi Marine Debris Task Force with a Governor's Take Pride Appreciation Award in 2004 for its work organizing and sponsoring the annual Mississippi Coastal Cleanup; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Marine Debris Task Force looks forward to a productive event in 2010 that will benefit the environment and educate the public about the importance of being good stewards of our coastal resources:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Haley Barbour, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim October 16, 2010, as

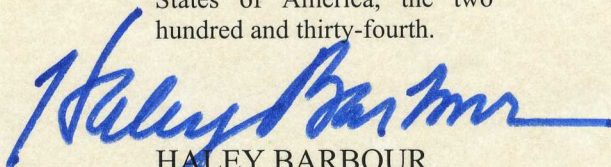
MISSISSIPPI COASTAL CLEANUP DAY

in the State of Mississippi.



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

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the fourth day of May in the year of our Lord, two thousand and ten, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-fourth.


HALEY BARBOUR
GOVERNOR