

The City of Gautier PROCLAMATION

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

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

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Coastal Cleanup is the largest, single-day volunteer cleanup of Mississippi's beaches, barrier islands, and waterways; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Coastal Cleanup is an integral part of the International Coastal Cleanup (ICC), sponsored by Ocean Conservancy, and led by the Mississippi Marine Debris Task Force in cooperation with the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality; and

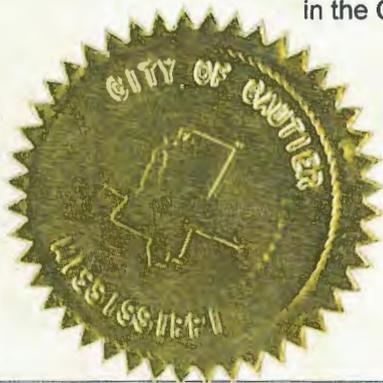
WHEREAS, during the 2014 Coastal Cleanup 1,616 volunteers picked up 7.5 tons of trash at 47 sites along 99 miles of waterways in coastal Mississippi as reported by the state ICC coordinator; and

WHEREAS, over the past 27 years, more than 65,000 volunteers have removed approximately 1.6 million pounds of marine debris from Mississippi's coastal waterways and shorelines; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Marine Debris Task Force looks forward to a productive Coastal Cleanup event in 2015 that will benefit the environment and educate the public about the importance of being good stewards of our coastal marine and estuarine resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gordon Gollott, Mayor of the City of Gautier, Mississippi, hereby proclaim October 17, 2015, as

MISSISSIPPI COASTAL CLEANUP DAY
in the City of Gautier, Mississippi



Gordon T. Gollott, Mayor
October 6, 2015