

CITY OF GAUTIER

MISSISSIPPI COASTAL CLEANUP DAY 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 is co-led by the Mississippi Marine Debris Task Force and Mississippi State University Extension Service in cooperation with the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality; and

WHEREAS, during the 2015 Coastal Cleanup 1,904 volunteers picked up 16 tons of trash at 55 sites along 166 miles of waterways in Coastal Mississippi as reported by the state ICC coordinator; and

WHEREAS, over the past 28 years, more than 68,000 volunteers have removed approximately 816 tons 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 2016 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 T. Gollott, Mayor of Gautier, Mississippi, hereby proclaim October 22, 2016, as

MISSISSIPPI COASTAL CLEANUP DAY

in the City of Gautier, Mississippi.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed the seal of the City of Gautier on this the 18th day of October, 2016.

Signed _____
Gordon T. Gollott, Mayor

