Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama recognizes that the quality of life for citizens and visitors is culturally bound to the benefits provided by the Gulf of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama joined with the other U.S. Gulf States to establish the Gulf of Mexico Alliance, a regional collaborative effort with a goal of improving the health and sustainability of our coastal areas and the lives of millions of people that live within and visit this region every year; and

WHEREAS, the Gulf of Mexico Alliance provides a forum for effective regional collaboration and coordination, addressing issues common to all five Gulf States in a voluntary way; and

WHEREAS, the Gulf of Mexico Alliance has created Governors' Action Plan III for Healthy and Resilient Coasts, the third in a series of work plans designed to address regional Gulf issues that are a priority for the ecological and economic health of each state; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert Bentley, Governor of Alabama, do hereby declare my full support of implementation of the actions detailed in the

Governors’ Action Plan III for Healthy and Resilient Coasts

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 1st day of May 2016.

Robert Bentley, Governor