A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GULFPORT DECLARING A CIVIL AND/OR LOCAL EMERGENCY TO EXIST AS A RESULT OF A THREATENED OR EXISTING NATURAL DISASTER

Hurricane Francine

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, does hereby declare and proclaim that a "state of emergency" exists in the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, as of 12:00 p.m. (noon), central time, on September 11, 2024, as a result of an imminent threat of a "natural disaster" resulting from Hurricane Francine and related conditions (tropical rain, winds, storm surge, lightening, hail, flooding, etc.) projected to commence in the area on or about September 11-12, 2024, and impact an area that includes the City of Gulfport and Harrison County in the State of Mississippi; and the undersigned Mayor of the City of Gulfport, as the Executive/Administrative Officer of the City of Gulfport, and under authority of §45-17-3, et seq., Miss. Code Ann., and related statutes, finds and declares that a "Civil Emergency" presently exists in the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, and/or under authority of § 33-15-17(d), et seq., Miss. Code Ann. and related statutes, finds and declares that a "Local Emergency" presently exists in the City of Gulfport, Mississippi;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that due to a natural disaster, or imminent threat thereof, within the geographic limits of the City of Gulfport causing or threatening to cause injury or death to persons and/or destruction of property to such an extent that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the public health, safety and welfare, as of 12:00 p.m. (noon), central time, on September 11, 2024, a "Civil Emergency" and/or a "Local Emergency" (collectively, "state of emergency") in the City of Gulfport is/are hereby declared to exist as a result of Hurricane Francine and related conditions (tropical rain, winds, storm surge,

lightening, hail, flooding, etc.) that are expected to impact the City of Gulfport and surrounding areas on or about September 11-12, 2024; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED and declared that said state of emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist in the City of Gulfport until its termination is ordered and proclaimed by the Mayor or the Governing Authority of the City of Gulfport; a copy of this proclamation is hereby filed with the Municipal Clerk of the City of Gulfport, and made a public record; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED and determined by the Mayor, as designee of the governing authority, that an emergency exists in regard to the purchase of commodities or repair contracts such that the delay incident to giving opportunity for competitive bidding would be detrimental to the interest of the City of Gulfport under the circumstances.

SO ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED on this the ______ day of September, 2024.

Filed and Attested by:

City Clerk or Deputy City Clerk