

State of Florida

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2025, President Donald J. Trump signed Presidential Executive Order 14172: Restoring Names That Honor American Greatness which was later published in Federal Register Vol. 90, No. 20; and

WHEREAS, the area formerly known as the Gulf of Mexico is considered to be the U.S. Continental Shelf area bounded on the northeast, north, and northwest by the States of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas, extending to the seaward boundaries of Mexico and Cuba, a foreign country of concern; and

WHEREAS, as directed by President Donald J. Trump, the Gulf is to be renamed the Gulf of America consistent with 43 U.S.C. 364 through 364f; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2025, the U.S. Department of the Interior announced that the Department, in conjunction with the U.S. Board on Geographic Names, is updating all official federal nomenclature in the U.S. Geographic Names Information System to reflect these changes, to ensure immediate availability for federal uses; and

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2025, the U.S. Department of the Interior announced the implementation of the Order; and

WHEREAS, the Gulf of America spans approximately 1,700 miles along the United States, of which 770 miles are located along Florida's coastline—the renaming reflects the region's central importance to the nation's economy, particular its importance to the nation's defense, aerospace, maritime, fisheries, and tourism-related industries; and

WHEREAS, while modifications to update relevant references in state statute are before the Florida legislature, various references remain in documents and publications under the jurisdiction and authority of the Board; and

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE GOVERNOR AND CABINET, SITTING AS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND, as authorized by Article IV, Section (4)(f) of the Constitution of the State of Florida and pursuant to relevant provisions of Florida Statute, do hereby direct the following actions to the agencies, divisions, and personnel charged with assisting in the Board's authority referenced herein:

1. All maps, records, publications, resources, and similar documentation under the jurisdiction of the Board, which currently reference "Gulf of Mexico" shall be, to the extent practicable, updated for the limited purpose of designating the area formerly known as the "Gulf of Mexico" as the Gulf of America.
2. All administrative rules, policies, and procedures which currently reference "Gulf of Mexico" should be updated on a continual basis for the limited purpose of designating the area

formerly known as the “Gulf of Mexico” as the Gulf of America. In implementing this provision, the Board hereby approves the final adoption of rules, limited to the provisions of this section, to reflect this change.

- 3. All land managers of publicly accessible lands held in title by the Board which borders the Gulf of America shall provide suitable space for the erection of signage to designate the Gulf of America as a point of interest in this state.
- 4. This Resolution is effective immediately.

WHEREFORE, THE GOVERNOR AND CABINET OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, SITTING AS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND, have hereunto subscribed their names and have caused the Official Seal of the State of Florida to be hereunto affixed in the County of Leon on this 5th day of March 2025.

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