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Governor Musgrove Signs Deer Island Bill

Jackson, MS – Governor Ronnie Musgrove today signed Senate Bill 2273 into law, paving the way for the state to purchase Deer Island, located off the Mississippi Gulf Coast. The legislation authorizes the issuance of \$10 million in General Obligation bonds for the “acquisition, reclamation and preservation” of the property.

“The purchase of Deer Island will ensure the opportunity for future generations to enjoy the beauty of one of Mississippi’s greatest natural resources,” Musgrove said. “The work we do to preserve this area will be a gift to our children and our environment.”

Joining Musgrove at the bill signing were Secretary of State Eric Clark and members of the Mississippi Gulf Coast delegation.

“Deer Island will be a treasure for our grandchildren and our grandchildren’s grandchildren,” Clark said. “Senator Thad Cochran, Congressman Gene Taylor, the members of the Gulf Coast delegation and the Department of Marine Resources worked well together on this bill, and I thank Governor Musgrove for signing it into law today.”

“I want to thank Secretary Clark and the Gulf Coast legislators for their great work on this bill and their commitment to the preservation of Deer Island,” said Musgrove. “The Gulf Coast will benefit from their efforts and that’s good news for all of Mississippi.”

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