

**For the release on declaring Sept. 20 as MS Coastal Cleanup Day:**

“The beaches and bayous of the Mississippi Gulf Coast are among our state’s most precious natural resources. The Mississippi Coastal Cleanup Day is a great opportunity to preserve them and make sure they are enjoyed for generations to come.”

**For the release about MS ranking 9<sup>th</sup> in participation in 2002 Coastal Cleanup:**

“Mississippians are known as some of the most giving people in the country, and that doesn’t just mean we just donate money. The contributions of time and energy are just as important, and this ranking demonstrates our commitment to maintaining the beauty of the Mississippi Gulf Coast.”