



## **GULF COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCLAMATION OF SUPPORT**

**WHEREAS, on this day of July 9, 2013 the Gulf County Board of County Commission ("Commission") duly organized under the laws for the State of Florida has properly met and convened and unanimously resolved and proclaimed its unfettered support of the Port St. Joe Port Authority and the St. Joe Company's continued efforts in the promotion and marketing of Gulf County's deepwater port; and**

**WHEREAS, the Commission seeks to continue its long history of support for the development of the Port St. Joe Port Authority through their partnerships with the St. Joe Company and other cooperatives of both public and private investment for the growth and promotion of this deepwater port as a gateway to international trade, and**

**WHEREAS, the citizens of this county, state and region look to this Commission for continued support of the development and smart growth for the Port of Port St. Joe as a unique and invaluable regional asset under the stewardship for marketing and promotion by the St. Joe Company; and**

**WHEREAS, the St. Joe Company continues its promotion and marketing of the Port and its unique geographic values along the Florida panhandle that provide both national and international companies strategic positioning in the global importing and exporting markets, and**

**WHEREAS, the St. Joe Company continues to promote the Port and its bulkheads of 1,900 linear feet at the ship channel turning basin in addition to 900 linear feet along the Gulf County Canal and all being one of the closest and most accessible U.S. deepwater ports to the Panama Canal and the completion of its expansion scheduled for 2015, and**

**WHEREAS, the Port of Port St. Joe also boasts over 260 acres of adjacent property to its bulkheads for immediate use as well as over 5,000 acres of land in the surrounding property to the Port for additional business development and expansion, and**

**WHEREAS, the Port of Port St. Joe is strategically located only 21 miles from the Apalachicola Regional Airport and 57 miles from the recently opened Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport, and**

**WHEREAS, the Port of Port St. Joe offers direct and immediate access to the United States Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (ICW) which offers a channel dimension of 12'x125' and which serves as a navigable inland waterway running approximately 1,050 miles from Carrabelle,**

Fla., to Brownsville, Texas, and provides access via the inland river system to locations as diverse as Chicago, Pittsburgh, Memphis, Tulsa and other cities, and

WHEREAS, the Port of Port St. Joe offers direct and immediate rail access through the AN Railway, also owned by The St. Joe Company and operated by Genesee & Wyoming Inc., which serves the Port and connects with the CSXT Class I mainline, and

WHEREAS, the Port of Port St. Joe offers direct and immediate access to US Interstate I-10 via State Road 71, and

WHEREAS, the Commission recognize the emergence of the Port of Port St. Joe through its partnership with the St. Joe Company and its efforts in promotion and development serve as a primary catalyst to the future business and job growth in Gulf County and the surrounding region, and

WHEREAS, the Commission recognize the unique and abundant opportunities that will be created for this and future generations from the success that is accomplished in developing and growing the Port of Port St. Joe, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this Board of County Commissioners for the County of Gulf pledges its continued cooperation, support and promotion of the Port of Port St. Joe and its development and marketing by the St. Joe Company; and encourages all surrounding communities throughout the state and region to also pledge their support and cooperation in these efforts.

DONE this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July at 9:00am ET.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY:   
TYNALIN SMILEY, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

BY:   
DEPUTY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BY:   
JEREMY NOVAK  
ATTORNEY FOR GULF COUNTY