

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



A Commendation

WHEREAS, the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority is a four-state compact consisting of the States of Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority was initially created in 1958 to study the feasibility, cost, and benefits of building a regional waterway; and

WHEREAS, the Authority succeeded in opening the waterway in 1985 for the purpose of providing industrial development opportunities to Mississippi, the region, and the nation; and to provide an additional waterway transportation route connecting the Gulf of Mexico with Mid-America; and

WHEREAS, today the Authority's mission is to realize the economic development potential of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway to its four-state impacted region and the nation. These benefits include industrial development, commerce and trade, recreation and tourism, and small business development; and

WHEREAS, today the organization is focused on lauding the economic, environmental, and logistical benefits of the waterway and waterborne transportation; and

WHEREAS, since opening, the waterway has provided the basis for billions of dollars in private investment which have in turn resulted in the creation of thousands of quality jobs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Haley Barbour, Governor of the Great State of Mississippi do hereby commend the

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on its 50th anniversary and proclaim my support for the organization's mission. I encourage the Authority to continue its work and to strive for many more years of progress, private investment, and job creation. Its agenda and goals are beneficial to the State of Mississippi, the region, and the nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the eleventh day of September in the year of our Lord, two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-third.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Haley Barbour".

HALEY BARBOUR