

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 10-101

(Establishing the Gulf Oil Spill Economic Recovery Task Force)

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2010, an explosion on the mobile drilling rig Deepwater Horizon, which was operated by BP Exploration & Production, Inc. ("BP"), occurred approximately 130 miles southeast of New Orleans, Louisiana. As a result, the rig sank on April 22, 2010; and

WHEREAS, as of April 28, 2010, the United States Coast Guard estimated that the well was releasing approximately 200,000 gallons per day; and

WHEREAS, the resulting oil spill ("Oil Spill") in the Gulf of Mexico is at least 600 square miles in areal extent and expanding, and oil continues to spill from the well as efforts to stop the discharge have failed and may not succeed for an extended period of time; and

WHEREAS, the Oil Spill threatens Florida's businesses and industries; and

WHEREAS, the potential economic losses to Florida businesses and industries may be great; and

WHEREAS, such affected businesses and industries include, but are not limited to, businesses near the coast, the fishing industry, the wholesale trade industry, the retail industry, the tourism industry and the manufacturing industry; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the State assist efforts by Florida businesses and industries to minimize the adverse economic effects of the Oil Spill.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHARLIE CRIST, as Governor of Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws and Constitution of the State of Florida, issue the following Executive Order, effective immediately:

Section 1.

The Gulf Oil Spill Economic Recovery Task Force (the “Task Force”) is hereby created to facilitate efforts by Florida businesses and industries in recovering from the loss of business and revenues due to the Oil Spill. The Task Force shall continue in existence until its objectives are achieved, but not later than May 11, 2011, unless extended by further executive order.

Section 2.

The responsibilities of the Task Force shall include the following:

- a. Coordinate state agencies’ efforts to assist affected businesses and industries
- b. Monitor BP’s efforts in providing financial relief to impacted businesses and industries, including but not limited to its claims processes
- c. Coordinate processes and efforts to gather economic loss data and industry economic indicators
- d. Ensure through a marketing plan, that the vitality of the business and tourism industries continue to prosper
- e. Develop a web site to disseminate information and to communicate with businesses and industries

Section 3.

The Task Force shall provide a written report to the Governor outlining its accomplishments every 30 days. The Chair shall regularly communicate with the Governor’s Office and the Director of the Division of Emergency Management.

Section 4.

The Task Force will consist of members appointed by the Governor. Members shall serve a term that commences on the day of the appointment. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor, and the Governor may fill any vacancy that occurs. Membership of the Task Force shall reflect a broad spectrum of interested parties, including, but not limited to:

- a. The Director of the Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development or his designee
- b. The Secretary of the Department of Children and Families or his designee
- c. The Director of the Division of Emergency Management or his designee
- d. The Executive Director of the Fish and Wildlife Commission or his designee
- e. The Director of the Agency for Workforce Innovation or her designee
- f. The Governor's Director of the Office of Policy and Budget or his designee
- g. The Executive Director of the Department of Revenue or her designee
- h. A representative of Visit Florida
- i. A representative of the Small Business Administration
- j. A representative of the League of Cities
- k. A representative of the Association of Counties
- l. A representative of a local chamber of commerce
- m. A representative of the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association
- n. A representative of the National Association of Charterboat Operators
- o. A representative of the seafood industry

Section 5.

From the members appointed, the Governor will appoint a Chair. The Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development shall provide administrative support to the Task Force.

Section 6.

In carrying out its responsibilities, the Task Force is authorized to call upon any State agency, department, division, or office to supply such data, reports, or other information as it deems reasonably necessary to achieve its objectives. Each agency, department, division, or office of the State under the control of the Governor is authorized and directed, and all other agencies are requested, including the Attorney General, the Chief Financial Officer and the Commissioner of Agriculture, to cooperate with the Task Force and provide it with such information, personnel and assistance as necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Executive Order.

Section 7.

Members shall serve without compensation from the State; however, any member who is an employee of a state agency within the purview of the Governor shall be reimbursed for travel expenses by his or her respective agency. To the extent allowed by Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, any member who is an employee of a state agency not within the purview of the Governor or any member who is not an employee of a state agency may be reimbursed for travel expenses at the discretion of his or her agency.

Section 8.

The meetings of the Task Force shall be noticed and open to the public.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, this 11 day of May, 2010.

Charlie Crist

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Jan K. Roberts

SECRETARY OF STATE

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