

# 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.