

COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION AUTHORITY BOARD
STATE OF LOUISIANA
September 16, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-09-01

**A Resolution of the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board
in support of the Gulf of America Hypoxia Action Plan**

WHEREAS, the problem of a large area or zone of low oxygen, or hypoxia, in the Gulf of America has been a long-standing concern of the State of Louisiana, as a threat to the health of the State's coastal fisheries, and the commercial and recreational fishing, seafood, and restaurant industries that those natural resources support; and

WHEREAS, since 1998, the State of Louisiana has been a participant in the formation and activities of the Mississippi River/Gulf of America Hypoxia Task Force, or Hypoxia Task Force, in collaboration with 11 States along the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers, federal partner agencies, Land Grant Universities, and stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, since 2000, the State of Louisiana has participated in the development and implementation of the *Gulf Hypoxia Action Plan*, a cooperative effort between the States, federal agencies, Land Grant Universities, and stakeholders, which focuses on voluntary, cost-effective actions to reduce nitrogen and phosphorus loading from the Mississippi-Atchafalaya River Basin to the Gulf of America; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 revision of the *Gulf Hypoxia Action Plan* focused on two main goals, attaining a 20% reduction of nitrogen and phosphorus loading from the Mississippi-Atchafalaya River Basin to the Gulf by 2025, and reducing the five-year running average areal extent of the Gulf Hypoxic Zone to less than 5,000 square kilometers/1,950 square miles by 2035; and

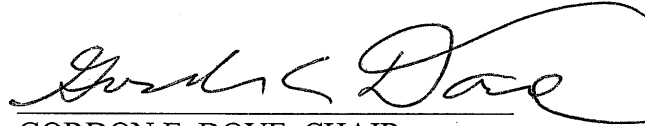
WHEREAS, a key component of the *Action Plan* was added in 2022 when members of Louisiana's Congressional Delegation sponsored a provision in the Federal Infrastructure Law directing funding to the 12 Gulf Hypoxia Task Force States and Tribes to carry out nutrient reduction activities, which the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency used to create the *Gulf Hypoxia Program* for that purpose;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) reaffirms its support for the *Gulf Hypoxia Action Plan* and the *Gulf Hypoxia Program*, and conveys to the Gulf Hypoxia Task Force the critical importance of achieving the Action Plan's 2035 Goal, and that obtaining and directing sufficient resources for those efforts at the federal level should be a priority for the agencies and States on the Task Force, working with Congress and the White House.

This Resolution was declared adopted this 16th day of September, 2026.

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I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board at its meeting of September 16, 2026, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present.



GORDON E. DOVE, CHAIR
COASTAL PROTECTION AND
RESTORATION AUTHORITY BOARD
OF LOUISIANA

This 16th day of September, 2026 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.