

**THE HANCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'**  
**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED**  
**PEARL RIVER DAM/LAKE PROJECT IN JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi, is aware that a proposal has been initiated regarding the construction of a dam and a 1,500-acre lake on the Pearl River near Jackson, Mississippi, downstream of the Ross Barnett Reservoir; and

**WHEREAS**, the construction of an additional dam on Pearl River will, without question, significantly reduce the already diminished amount of water coming downstream in the Pearl River; and

**WHEREAS**, the reduced flow of water would lower the water oxygen content thereby negatively impacting the lower Pearl River Basin; and

**WHEREAS**, the reduced flow of water would lower the water table of the Pearl River South of the aforementioned One -Lake Project and would have a devastating impact on communities and property downstream; and

**WHEREAS**, the reduced flow of water and lowering of the oxygen content would also jeopardize threatened species of wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, the reduced flow of water would affect the salinity levels in the Mississippi Sound and would adversely affect oyster and other seafood populations in both Louisiana and Mississippi fishing industries; and

**WHEREAS**, the reduced flow of water and lowering of the oxygen content would jeopardize the efforts to preserve the natural beauty of the entire lower Pearl River Basin; and

**WHEREAS**, the creation of the additional dam and lake would erase 1,500 acres and an elimination of wetlands and cause an impact and a detriment to Hancock County and the coast and reducing the wet lands to mitigate storm surges in the event of tropical storms impacting the coast, causing great harm and risk to Hancock County and its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the construction of the additional dam and lake would further reduce the natural seasonal flows of freshwater into Mississippi's estuarine waters; and

**WHEREAS**, the additional reductions in the flow of the Pearl River during the summer months may further impact the river's larger ecosystem; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi, finds and determines it necessary and in the best interest of the people of said county and state to oppose the permitting or construction of the proposed reservoir located on the Pearl River designated as the Mississippi Pearl River Lake Project or One Lake Project located near Jackson, Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi, finds and determines it necessary and in the best interest of the people of said county and state to urge the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to take whatever action as is necessary to prohibit the construction of any further dams or lakes on the Pearl River:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi, that this Board does hereby oppose any proposed plan to dam the Pearl River South of Jackson, Mississippi because of the detrimental effects it will have to people and property downstream, local ecology and economic development.

**BE IT FURTHER HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi, that a copy of this resolution be provided to the following officials and

authorities as evidence of Hancock County's opposition to the proposed plan:

Governor of the State of Mississippi;  
Army Corps of Engineers Vicksburg District  
U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Rankin Hinds Pearl River Flood and Drainage Control District  
Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality  
Mississippi Department of Natural Resources  
Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks;  
Mississippi Department of Wildlife and Fisheries - Scenic Streams System  
Coordinator  
Federal and State Legislators

Supervisor District One Yarborough  
Supervisor District Two Shaw  
Supervisor District Three Lafontaine  
Supervisor District Four Adam  
Supervisor District Five Ladner

Supervisor Dist 1 moved the adoption of the foregoing Order which motion

was duly seconded by Supervisor Dist 2 and adopted by the following vote, to wit:

Supervisor District One Yarborough voted:	"YEA"
Supervisor District Two Shaw voted:	"YEA"
Supervisor District Three Lafontaine voted:	"YEA"
Supervisor District Four Adam voted:	"YEA"
Supervisor District Five Ladner voted:	"YEA"

WHEREUPON, the President of said Board of Supervisors declared said Resolution

duly and legally adopted on this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018.

So, ordered and resolved by the Hancock County Board of Supervisors on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April.

  
Attested Blaine LaFontaine, Board President

  
Attested Timothy Kellar, Chancery Clerk