RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED
ONE LAKE PROJECT ON PEARL RIVER

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Marion 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 down stream; 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 of wetlands; 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 Marion 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 Marion 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 Marion 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 down stream, local ecology and economic development.

BE IT FURTHER HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Marion County, Mississippi, that a copy of this resolution be provided to the following officials and authorities as evidence of Marion 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 Tony Morgan moved the adoption of the foregoing Order which motion was duly seconded by Supervisor Terry Broome, and adopted by the following vote, to wit:

Supervisor Randy Dyess voted:	"YEA"
Supervisor Terry Broome voted:	"YEA"
Supervisor Tony Morgan voted:	"YEA"
Supervisor Raymon Rowell voted:	"YEA"
Supervisor Calvin Newsom voted:	"YEA"

WHEREUPON, the President of said Board of Supervisors declared said Resolution duly and legally adopted on this the 6th day of February, A. D. 2018.

PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

CLERK

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