

# State of Louisiana



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 25-027

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## *THE GULF OF AMERICA*

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**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Executive Order 14172, “Restoring Names That Honor American Greatness,” signed by President Trump on January 20, 2025, the President ordered the Secretary of the Interior to take all appropriate actions to rename as the “Gulf of America” the U.S. Continental Shelf area bounded on the northeast, north, and northwest by the States of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida and extending to the seaward boundary with Mexico and Cuba in the area formerly named as the Gulf of Mexico;

**WHEREAS**, 43 U.S.C. 364b provides that subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, the Board of Geographic Names shall formulate principles, policies, and procedures to be followed with reference to both domestic and foreign geographic names; and shall decide the standard names and their orthography for official use;

**WHEREAS**, effective February 7, 2025, the Secretary of the Interior, Doug Burgum, ordered the United States Board on Geographic Names to take all actions necessary to rename the geographic feature formerly known as the “Gulf of Mexico” to the “Gulf of America” and to update the Geographic Names Information System to appropriately reflect the change;

**WHEREAS**, federal agencies are currently in the process of updating their maps, products, and services to reflect the Gulf of America name change;

**WHEREAS**, the Governor is the publisher of the Louisiana Administrative Code and the Louisiana Register provided for through the Office of the State Register;

**WHEREAS**, the Office of the State Register is charged with compiling, indexing, and publishing the Louisiana Administrative Code;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to R.S. 49:983(A)(9), the Office of the State Register may make purely formal or clerical changes to the Louisiana Administrative Code;

**WHEREAS**, the Louisiana State Law Institute is charged with receiving and considering suggestions from public officials regarding defects in the law and with recommending changes to align the state's laws with modern conditions;

**NOW THEREFORE I, JEFF LANDRY**, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

Section 1: No later than May 20, 2025, and in accordance with the procedure outlined in R.S. 49:983, the Office of the State Register shall replace all references to the “Gulf of Mexico” with the “Gulf of America” in the Louisiana Administrative Code.

Section 2: All documents, maps, and other materials published by departments, commissions, boards, agencies, and officers of the State after the effective date of this order shall reflect the name change from “Gulf of Mexico” to “Gulf of America.”

Section 3: I urge and request the Louisiana Law Institute to study updating all statutory references to the “Gulf of Mexico” to the “Gulf of America” to reflect the official and standard geographic name.

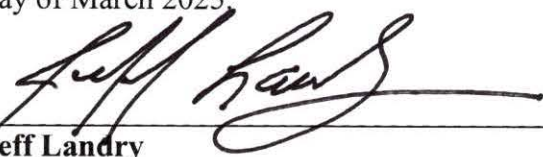
Section 4: All departments, commissions, boards, agencies, and officers of the state, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate in the implementation of this Order.

Section 5: I also urge and request that the United States Congress pass a resolution officially recognizing the Gulf of America, establish uniform state territorial jurisdictional water limits, equal offshore boundaries, consistent rights to submerged natural resources, and equitable participation in offshore resource management, revenue, remedies, and royalties.

Section 6: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the Governor, or terminated by operation of law.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.

  
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**Jeff Landry**  
**GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA**

**ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY  
OF STATE**

  
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**Nancy Landry**  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**