



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: The Coastal region of Georgia is the second fastest growing region in the state and this region has abundant and valuable natural resources that continue to attract new residents and tourists to the region; and

WHEREAS: The tourism and outdoor recreation business industries in the Coastal Georgia region are major economic generators providing in excess of 40,000 jobs within the Coastal region; and

WHEREAS: The natural resources of the Coastal region are vulnerable to degradation and depletion from new development if they are not wisely managed; and

WHEREAS: The current Coastal Georgia management plan prepared by the Department of Natural Resources primarily provides a regulatory framework for guiding development in the Coastal Georgia region, but does not include sufficient input from affected industries, state agencies or other stakeholders; and

WHEREAS: There is a need to build upon the Department of Natural Resources' coastal management plan and to broaden its scope to create a fully integrated multi-agency Comprehensive Plan for sustainable economic development without compromising the natural appeal that attracts coastal visitors; and

WHEREAS: A healthy coastal area ensures a lively and sustainable coastal tourism industry and economy and also provides a high quality of life for coastal residents.

NOW THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: The Georgia Department of Community Affairs is hereby charged with leading the development of a Comprehensive Master Development Plan (the "Plan") for the Coastal Georgia region.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the Plan will build on the current Coastal Management Plan as developed by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

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ORDERED: That the Plan shall consider and incorporate where appropriate the various regional, county and city comprehensive plans within the Coastal region, and acknowledge, review and develop an infrastructure review.

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ORDERED: That the Plan will identify a course of action to resolve the often competing interest of tourism, economic development, housing, transportation, environmental management and other development issues that challenge Georgia's coast.

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ORDERED: That the Georgia Department of Community Affairs shall draw upon the knowledge and shall seek the counsel and assistance of other private and public entities with expertise in Coastal Georgia as appropriate in developing this plan.

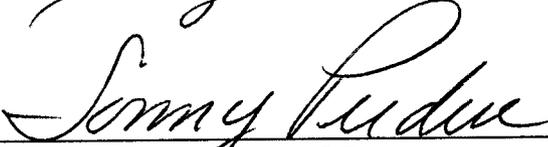
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ORDERED: That the Georgia Department of Community Affairs shall complete the Plan by September 30, 2007, with funding from existing agency, private and federal sources.

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ORDERED: That all state departments, agencies, boards, bureaus, commissions, authorities, councils, and corporations that exercise programmatic or regulatory functions within the Coastal region shall work with the Department of Community Affairs in a spirit of mutual cooperation in the preparation and eventual implementation of this Plan.

THIS 11th DAY OF February, 2005.



GOVERNOR