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Legislation Recognizing the Gulf of America Signed Into Law

Bills follow President Trump's executive order to restore names that honor American greatness

Tallahassee—House Bill 575, sponsored in the Senate by Senator Nick DiCeglie (R-Indian Rocks Beach) and House Bill 549, sponsored in the Senate by Senator Joe Gruters (R-Sarasota) were signed into law today by Florida Governor Ron DeSantis. These bills rename the Gulf of Mexico as the Gulf of America Across Florida Statutes and state government.

“It was an honor to join Governor DeSantis to see these good bills signed into law today. Florida is proud to follow the leadership of President Trump as the first state to officially recognize the Gulf of America,” said Senator DiCeglie. “American exceptionalism isn’t an abstract idea, it is an absolute fact that we must recognize and celebrate. In Florida, we will always put America first.”

“On January 20th, 2025, the body of water along Florida’s west coast became the Gulf of America – that is a fact,” said Senator Gruters. “These bills, now Florida law, ensure we reflect that fact across state government and, most importantly, in our schools. It is our responsibility to ensure our children understand American greatness.”

“Ever since President Trump entered the Oval Office, he has fought for America first policies that honor our country’s greatness,” said Senate President Ben Albritton (R-Wauchula). “Mr. President, I’m proud to say the Florida Senate stands with you in the fight to recognize the Gulf of America and celebrate American exceptionalism. Thank you Governor DeSantis for signing these bills into law.”

HB 575 ensures all official state documents, maps, and references reflect the designation Gulf of America, reinforcing Florida’s leadership along the Gulf Coast and setting a precedent for neighboring states to follow.

HB 549 directs state agencies, district school boards, and charter school governing boards to update, change, or create materials to rename the “Gulf of Mexico” to the “Gulf of America.” Instructional materials and additions to library media center collections acquired or adopted by a district school board or charter school on or after July 1, 2025, must reflect the renaming.

This legislation follows Executive Order Number 14172, issued by President Trump on January 20, 2025, titled “Restoring Names that Honor American Greatness.” The order directs the Secretary of the Interior to rename the Gulf of Mexico as the Gulf of America in recognition of its vital importance to the United States.

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