



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia holds title to all of that island of the State of Georgia, County of Glynn, being known as Jekyll Island and the marshes and marsh islands adjacent and adjoining the same; and
- WHEREAS:** Under the authority of the laws of the State of Georgia, the above-mentioned lands are leased to the Jekyll Island State Park Authority (the "Authority") for a term of 99 years, commencing February 13, 1950 (O.C.G.A. §12-3-241); and
- WHEREAS:** The Department of Transportation, State of Georgia, is responsible for the clearing, dredging, maintaining, widening, deepening, and improving of the ports, seaports, and harbors of the State of Georgia (O.C.G.A. §32-2-2(18)); and
- WHEREAS:** To best accomplish its statutory responsibilities, in order to accomplish mitigation purposes related to the Brunswick Harbor Deepening Project, it was desirable that the Department of Transportation have custody of that portion of the lands which were leased to the Authority, said portion not exceeding 60 acres, as shown on "Exhibit A" (the "Jekyll Acreage"); and
- WHEREAS:** Custody of the Jekyll Acreage was transferred to the Department of Transportation from the Governor, State of Georgia, by Executive Order dated March 25, 2002; and
- WHEREAS:** The Brunswick Harbor Deepening Project was reformulated in 2007, and as a result, the US Army Corps of Engineers determined that there was no need for the Jekyll Acreage to be set aside as mitigation for the project; and
- WHEREAS:** The Corps of Engineers gave official notice to the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation on March 25, 2011 of the release of the Jekyll Island mitigation lands, including the Jekyll Acreage, as they were in excess of the Brunswick Harbor Deepening Project's needs; and
- WHEREAS:** The Department has completed the necessary conversion of wetlands pursuant to the Project Wetlands Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS: By resolution dated June 16, 2011, the Department of Transportation, through the State Transportation Board, expressed the desire to transfer custody of the Jekyll Acreage back to the Authority; and

WHEREAS: By resolution dated July 18, 2011 the Authority expressed the desire to accept the Jekyll Acreage; and

WHEREAS: It is in the best interest of the State of Georgia to transfer custody of the Jekyll Acreage from the custody of the Department of Transportation to the Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY VIRTUE OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED § 50-16-61, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That the custody of the above described property be hereby transferred from the Department of Transportation, State of Georgia to the Jekyll Island State Park Authority.

This 8 day of September, 2011.



GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



EXECUTIVE SECRETARY