



THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR  
WASHINGTON

**ORDER NO. 3423**

**Subject:** The Gulf of America

Sec. 1 **Purpose.** This Order directs the Board on Geographic Names (“BGN”) to immediately rename the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of America and to update the Geographic Names Information System to appropriately reflect the change. This Order implements President Trump’s direction in Executive Order 14172, “Restoring Names That Honor American Greatness,” that the name be changed.

Sec. 2 **Authority.** The authority for this Order is 43 U.S.C. §§ 364-364f and Executive Order 14172.

Sec. 3 **Background.** The area formerly known as the Gulf of Mexico has long been an indelible part of America and an asset to our Nation. The Gulf has played a pivotal role in shaping America’s history and promises to play a vital role in our future, serving as a flourishing natural resource of critical importance to our Nation’s economy and people.

The BGN is a Federal body established by Public Law 80-242 (61 Stat. 456) in 1947 to maintain uniform geographic name usage throughout the Federal Government. Pursuant to 43 U.S.C. § 364d, the Secretary of the Interior is required to “promulgate in the name of the Board [on Geographic Names] . . . decisions with respect to geographic names and principles of geographic nomenclature and orthography. . . .”

President Trump has directed the change in the name of the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of America, and the BGN must immediately take steps to accomplish the President’s instructions. This Order directs the BGN to implement the change and name the relevant body of water the Gulf of America.

Sec. 4 **Naming the Gulf of America.** The BGN is ordered to immediately take all actions necessary to rename the feature currently known as the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of America, including updating the Geographic Names Information System.

**Sec. 5 Effect of the Order.** This Order renames the “Gulf of Mexico” to the “Gulf of America.”

**Sec. 6 Expiration Date.** This Order is effective immediately.



Secretary of the Interior

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