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Senator Nick DiCeglie Files Legislation Naming Gulf of America
SB 608 Renames the Gulf of Mexico as the Gulf of America

Tallahassee—Florida Senator Nick DiCeglie (R-Indian Rocks Beach) today introduced a bill to formally recognize the Gulf of Mexico as the “Gulf of America” in Florida’s statutes, aligning the state’s official records with President Trump’s recent federal actions.

“Thanks to the leadership of President Trump, we have the opportunity to honor America’s greatness by embracing the Gulf of America,” said Senator DiCeglie. “This body of water has long been essential to the livelihood of Pinellas County, supporting our fishing industry, local businesses, and vibrant tourism sector. By updating Florida’s statutes to reflect this new designation, we are reinforcing President Trump’s bold vision and ensuring the Gulf’s significance is recognized at the state level.”

“Florida stands with President Trump and his decisive action to honor our great country by renaming the Gulf of Mexico as the Gulf of America,” said Senate President Ben Albritton (R-Wauchula). “About 770 miles of coastline in our state border the Gulf, and its waters have always been critical to our economy, in particular our tourism, aquaculture, and maritime industries. Naming this amazing body of water the Gulf of America highlights its tremendous value to our state and nation.”

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.

Senator DiCeglie’s proposed legislation 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.

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