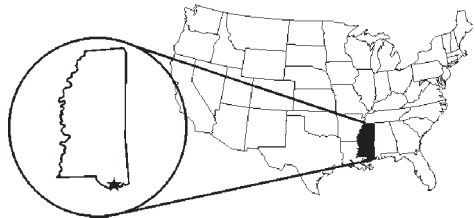


GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI



Population Rank: U.S. ... # 378
Mississippi # 2

Proportions: 2:3 (usage)



Adopted: Between 1977 and 1981 (unofficial)

DESIGN: Gulfport's flag has a blue field with the city's seal in the center, consisting of 1 unit in diameter on a field of 2 by 3 units. Horizontally across the center of the seal, about .125 units high, is a yellow stripe with **GULFPORT** in blue letters. Immediately below, in letters about one-fourth as high, is **WHERE YOUR SHIP COMES IN**. The portion above and below the yellow stripe is divided in half with a narrow, vertical yellow line, giving the entire seal the appearance of being quartered. In the upper hoist quarter is a commercial ship, yellow shaded in blue, sailing on a green ocean toward the hoist, with a blue sky and a yellow cloud, above it near the hoist edge of the seal. The upper fly quarter has a yellow skyline of the city in its lower part, with green

foliage at its base, and, in a blue sky above, a yellow airplane in a landing approach toward the hoist. In the lower hoist quarter is a yellow house with two rows of blue windows, four in each row, a blue sky, and some greenery to the hoist side and below the house. The lower fly quarter shows a yellow sailboat on green water headed toward the fly, with a circular yellow sun near the fly edge of the seal in a blue sky. The entire seal is edged in yellow.

SYMBOLISM: The ship refers to Gulfport's shipping industry. The airplane over the skyline shows that the city is connected to the world by air as well. The house suggests Gulfport's history as a city of homes, and the sailboat symbolizes its tourist industry.

HOW SELECTED: Mayor John H. "Jack" Barnett held a contest to design the flag, sometime between 1977 and 1981.

DESIGNER: The winner was a Mr. Sneed (first name unavailable).

MORE ABOUT THE FLAG: The first flag was made by Josephine Alfonso.

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