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## **Chaney Opens Coast Insurance Department Office**

Jackson – In an effort to make the Mississippi Insurance Department (MID) more accessible to Coast residents, Mississippi Insurance Commissioner Mike Chaney will be on the Mississippi Gulf Coast today to open the department's new coast office.

"The department is opening this office full time, as a service to consumers who have questions or complaints about insurance," Commissioner Chaney said. "Coast residents need a local office that is accessible to them to address insurance problems. By being on site we can do our best to help them resolve those problems more quickly."

The opening of a Gulf Coast office to offer ease of service to coast residents following the devastation of Hurricane Katrina was a need Commissioner Chaney saw during his recent campaign for the office of Insurance Commissioner. In response to those needs of Coast residents, one of his first objectives following taking the oath of office was to establish a coast MID office.

Coast residents, local elected officials and economic developers are expected to attend the opening of the office, located at 1701 24<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Gulfport, across from the courthouse.

For more information on the MID visit the department website at www.doi.state.ms.us.

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