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Oktoberfest fun on tap this fall at Island View Casino Resort

GULFPORT, Miss. (Oct. 1, 2012) – Island View Casino Resort will brew up some serious fun this fall with Oktoberfest. On Saturday, Oct. 20, from 1 to 5 p.m. the seasonal celebration will offer food, live musical entertainment and, of course, plenty of beer.

This seasonal celebration, which will be held at the Gulfport resort's Sunset Bar and Deck, will feature a Southern twist on the German tradition with beverages from regional small-batch or micro breweries, including Lazy Magnolia Brewery of Mississippi; Abita Brewing Co., Bayou Teche Brewery and Covington Brewhouse of Louisiana; Red Brick Brewery of Georgia, Back Forty Brewery of Alabama, Yazoo Brewery of Tennessee; and Diamond Bear Brewery of Arkansas.

Island View's culinary team will also prepare a Bavarian-style feast for hungry fest-goers. The food selection will feature grilled knockwurst and bratwurst with fresh buns and sauerkraut, hot German potato salad and hot sweet-and-sour cabbage.

"Island View's Oktoberfest will focus on specially crafted, small-batch, artisan beers from some of our favorite Southern brew houses," said Ed Layton, vice president of hotel and food and beverage for the casino resort. "Tasting tours for most of these breweries cost up to \$12 each, so our event offers not just a fun festival experience on our deck, but a fantastic value at just \$10 per person."

Oktoberfest guests will also have the option to purchase "growlers," 32-ounce, amber-colored glass bottles with flip tops. The commemorative Island View growlers, which will be available in a limited-quantity, can be purchased for \$10 each. Guests can have them filled with the beer of their choice.

Tickets will be available at the door. Guests must be 21 years of age or older. For more information on Island View's Oktoberfest, please call 228-314-2100.

About Island View Casino Resort:

Island View Casino Resort opened on Sept. 18, 2006 as the only casino in Gulfport, Miss. The land-based casino, located on 40 acres of waterfront property, currently offers an 80,000-plus-square-foot casino with approximately 2,030 slots and 45 table games. The 520,000-square-foot resort also features a 562-room hotel with a tropical pool and cabanas; Carter Green Steakhouse, the resort's signature restaurant; C&G Grille, offering contemporary, casual dining; The Buffet, a 500-seat restaurant; The Coffee Shop, an upscale deli; and the View Bar, an entertainment lounge. Island View Casino Resort is privately held by Rick Carter

and Terry Green, two Gulfport natives and longtime casino executives committed to the post-Hurricane Katrina rebuilding efforts of the Mississippi Gulf Coast.