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## **Island View Casino Resort expands culinary offerings with new confectionery**

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GULFPORT, Miss. (June 12, 2013) – Island View Casino Resort has added a new amenity to its offerings, and oh, how sweet it is. The Gulfport resort opened Coast Candymakers today, specializing in handmade, small-batch candies.

Adjacent to Island View's Beach Blvd. Steamer restaurant, the new 450-square-foot retail outlet features a display-style kitchen, where confectioners create creamy pralines, rich fudges, buttery toffees, brittles and barks made with freshly roasted nuts, gourmet chocolate-covered apples and more.

"As a locally owned casino resort, we are truly able to put a premium on creating quality food and beverage offerings, and this mission continues with our new Coast Candymakers," said Ed Layton, vice president of food and beverage and hotel operations. "Our trained confectioners use time-honored, Southern-style traditions to create incredible handmade sweet treats."

Coast Candymakers is open Sunday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. 228-314-1521.

### **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 2,000 slots and 46 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; Beach Blvd. Steamer, a 180-seat restaurant focusing on freshly steamed seafood; C&G Grille, offering contemporary, casual dining; The Buffet, a 400-seat restaurant; The Coffee Shop, an upscale deli; and The View Showroom, a 550-seat entertainment venue. 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.