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Island View Casino Resort Included in AOL Travel's One-of-a-Kind Beach Retreats Within Reach

GULFPORT – Island View Casino Resort was named as one of 10 beachside vacation destinations in an AOL Travel story today. The piece, titled One-of-a-Kind Beach Retreats Within Reach, featured resorts from around the world that offer unique travel experiences for less than \$200 a night.

The Gulfport, Miss., gaming resort was listed with several prestigious seaside properties, including Kaanapali Beach Hotel, Maui, Hawaii; Jake's, Negril, Jamaica; White Point Beach Resort, Nova Scotia, Canada; and Maya Tulum Wellness Retreat and Spa, Riviera Maya, Mexico. Island View was the only casino property among the 10 locations.

“To be named among AOL’s selection of one-of-a-kind beach retreats is an honor that Island View Casino Resort shares with the entire Mississippi Gulf Coast. As the tourism and hospitality industry continues to rebuild the brand of our area as a true vacation destination five years after Hurricane Katrina, this recognition shows that collectively we are moving in the right direction,” said Rick Carter, co-owner of Island View Casino Resort.

The AOL Travel story, written by Chanize Thorpe, can be found at <http://news.travel.aol.com/2010/04/01/one-of-a-kind-beach-retreats-within-reach/>

Island View also recently received national recognition by Golfweek magazine, which included the resort’s Windance Country Club on its annual “America’s Best Courses You Can Play.”

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 47 table games. The 520,000-square-foot resort also features a 562-room hotel, an Emeril’s Gulf Coast Fish House, a 400-seat buffet, a signature restaurant called C&G Grille, The Coffee Shop 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. www.islandviewcasino.com.