



**CELEBRITY-STUDED VIDEO, E-PETITION TO RESTORE GULF COAST GAIN WIDE U.S. SUPPORT
SIGN IT! SHARE IT! BE THE ONE!**

In the face of the Gulf oil spill and in response to ongoing coastal restoration needs, the Women of the Storm, a non-partisan grassroots organization formed in New Orleans and South Louisiana in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, launched in July a campaign to Restore the Gulf.

A grassroots initiative to secure long-term funding to restore and protect the Gulf Coast and area wetlands, www.restorethegulf.com features the viral distribution of a celebrity-studded video, “Be the One,” designed to capture signatures to an online petition in support of this cause.

131,848 signatures

55% of signers are from five Gulf Coast states – LA, FL, TX, AL, MS

45% come from everywhere else in America

Every state and the District of Columbia is represented. Only three small-population states have registered fewer than 100 signers; half the states have more than 1,000 signers.

BY THE NUMBERS: TOTAL GULF COAST RESTORATION PETITION SIGNERS BY STATE

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| 44,120 – LA | 2,036 – NJ | 875 – WI | 256 – RI |
| 10,088 – FL | 1,766 – MA | 805 – KY | 236 – WV |
| 9,302 – TX | 1,667 – OH | 772 – AR | 228 – HI |
| 8,509 – CA | 1,622 – CO | 770 – MN | 204 – NE |
| 5,490 – AL | 1,432 – MI | 548 – OK | 193 – VT |
| 4,872 – NY | 1,374 – WA | 541 – NV | 189 – ID |
| 4,079 – MS | 1,358 – AZ | 529 – NM | 183 – DE |
| 3,760 – GA | 1,343 – MD | 477 – DC | 146 – MT |
| 2,698 – IL | 1,140 – MO | 409 – KS | 115 – AK |
| 2,407 – VA | 1,111 – IN | 359 – IA | 94 – WY |
| 2,341 – TN | 1,050 – SC | 309 – NH | 82 – SD |
| 2,331 – NC | 1,023 – CT | 284 – UT | 68 – ND |
| 2,202 – PA | 917 – OR | 282 – ME | |