

Mississippi State Board of Registered Professional Geologists




Whereas, many of the geologic agencies and societies in the state support asking the Mississippi State Legislature to consider adoption of the opal as the Official State Gemstone of Mississippi;


And whereas, the opal was discovered off the bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River in Claiborne County in 2004;

And whereas, the opal is the only precious gemstone found natively in the state;

And whereas, the adoption of a state gemstone would celebrate the geologic heritage of the state of Mississippi and promote interest in the profession of geology in the state;

Be it resolved that the Mississippi State Board of Registered Professional Geologists on this, the 6th day of December, 2022, adopted this resolution asking the State Legislature to bring forth legislation designating the opal as the Official State Gemstone of Mississippi.


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