



THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

ORDER NO. 3425

Subject: Renaming the Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge to Honor Jocelyn Nungaray

Sec. 1. **Purpose.** This Order implements President Trump’s March 4, 2025, Executive Order (EO) 14229, titled “Honoring Jocelyn Nungaray.” EO 14229 directs the Secretary of the Interior to update procedures as necessary and take all other appropriate actions to rename the area known as the Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge to “Jocelyn Nungaray National Wildlife Refuge” and to ensure that her life is permanently commemorated therein. EO 14229 also directs the Secretary to provide guidance to ensure all Federal references to the Jocelyn Nungaray National Wildlife Refuge, including on agency maps, contracts, and other documents and communications, reflect its naming.

Sec. 2. **Authority.** Among the authorities for this Order are the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act, 16 U.S.C. § 668dd, *et seq.*, EO 14229, and section 2 of Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1950.

Sec. 3. **Background.** The National Wildlife Refuge System, managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), with more than 570 wildlife refuges spanning the country, is the Nation’s premier network of lands conserving native animals and their habitat. It is in the national interest that certain of these refuges be dedicated to the memory of unique individuals like Jocelyn Nungaray, whose short life was marked by her passion for animals and ensuring that they all had natural homes in which to thrive.

Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1963. Located along the Texas coast of the Gulf of America, just outside Houston, the refuge protects approximately 39,000 acres of pristine coastal marsh and prairie that provide a sanctuary for migratory and resident waterfowl, shorebirds, and waterbirds. It supports huge flocks of migrating snow geese, sometimes numbering more than 80,000. It provides the public with prime opportunities for fishing, waterfowl hunting, paddling, and wildlife viewing, hosting more than 800,000 visitors a year. The refuge is renowned as one of the top birdwatching destinations in the United States, especially during the spring migration. The refuge is designated as part of the Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail. Additionally, the refuge provides public access to a network of trails, boat ramps, and wildlife viewing sites.

As recounted in EO 14229, Jocelyn Nungaray was a precious 12-year-old girl living with her family in Houston, Texas, beloved by her family and friends for her kindness and infectious zeal for life. She loved animals and had a passion for ensuring that they had homes. Jocelyn became an innocent victim, when her life was tragically cut short on June 17, 2024, and she was brutally murdered, allegedly by two Venezuelan gang members in the country illegally. It is fitting and in the national interest that the memory of Jocelyn Nungaray be honored by renaming the Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge—situated on the Gulf of America near her Houston home—which is habitat to so many of the animals she loved, to “Jocelyn Nungaray National Wildlife Refuge.”

Sec. 4. **Renaming the Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge to “Jocelyn Nungaray National Wildlife Refuge.”** The Director of the FWS (Director) is ordered to immediately take all actions necessary to rename the Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge to “Jocelyn Nungaray National Wildlife Refuge.” The Director shall take all necessary actions to ensure all Federal references are to “Jocelyn Nungaray National Wildlife Refuge,” including refuge signage, agency maps, contracts, and all other documents and communications pertaining to the refuge.

Sec. 5. **Effect of the Order.** This Order renames the Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge to “Jocelyn Nungaray National Wildlife Refuge.”

Sec. 6. **Expiration Date.** This Order is effective immediately.



Secretary of the Interior

Date: MAR 07 2025