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OPERATION GREEN CLEAN KICKS OFF IN HOLMES COUNTY

LEXINGTON - Offenders filling large orange bags with trash once again line highways and roads in Holmes County thanks to Operation Green Clean.

Sheriff Willie March is the first to benefit from Commissioner Marshall Fisher's decision to offer mobile inmate work crews to counties, upon request, in support of anti-litter efforts. The availability of the crews depends upon the number of requests.

Holmes County lost free inmate labor after it opted not to continue housing and working state inmates without reimbursement. Twenty-six of the 30 counties in the original Joint State County Work Program have signed an agreement with MDOC.

"Grateful is what I am, "the longtime sheriff said. "It's not the MDOC's job, but it is the MDOT's job to keep highways clean."

"Clean Sweep," as March calls the litter pickup in his county, succeeds the MDOT's Inmate Litter Removal program.

"Other sheriffs should jump on board," March said.

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