



Proclamation

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DAY AUGUST 25TH

WHEREAS, on August 25, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson signed into law the bill that created the National Park Service; and

WHEREAS, as a trustee and manager of the properties contained within the National Park System, the National Park Service was created to “conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and wildlife therein, and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations”; and

WHEREAS, the National Park System encompasses 84.4 million acres of land, which includes 59 named parks and many other protected areas such as the Blue Ridge Parkway, the most visited unit of the National Park System; and

WHEREAS, in addition to its many iconic views of the Blue Ridge and Great Smoky Mountains, the portion of the Blue Ridge Parkway that travels through Jackson County contains the visitors center at the Waterrock Knob Overlook and the Richland Balsam Overlook, which is the highest point in the Blue Ridge Parkway motor road at 6,053 feet; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the centennial celebration of the National Park Service, the Jackson County Parks and Recreation Department participated in the National Park Service 100 Hikes initiative, hosting a hike for summer camp students on August 02, 2016 on the Jackson County Greenway trail; and

WHEREAS, the Conservation Fund and the National Park Service will be hosting one of the centennial events at the Waterrock Knob Overlook in Jackson County on Tuesday, August 23, 2016,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the National Park Service, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims August 25, 2016 as National Park Service Day in Jackson County and encourages the citizens of Jackson County to honor the National Park Service by engaging in an outdoor activity on one of the many public recreation areas in our county.

This 4th day of August, 2016.

Attest:

Angela M. Winchester
Clerk to the Board

Brian Thomas McMahan
Chairman