



## *Proclamation*

### **CLIMATE CHANGE AWARENESS**

**WHEREAS**, global warming and climate change impose a real and legitimate threat to the world that we live in and there is overwhelming scientific evidence to support such a reality; and

**WHEREAS**, overall higher temperatures, an increase in sea levels, a shift in weather patterns, droughts, stronger storms, wildfires, the loss of wildlife species, and the shrinking of arctic ice are some of the dangerous effects of climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, these climate induced events have a significant direct impact upon the human population that can be measured in lost lives, economic losses, higher food prices, restricted access to drinking water, poorer health, and hundreds of billions of dollars in disaster relief; and

**WHEREAS**, many individuals, organizations, communities, governing bodies, and nations are working to reduce and to eliminate the negative contribution our society has made to global warming;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Jackson County Board of Commissioners is committed to raising awareness among the residents of Jackson County about the dangers of global warming and their role in climate change and encourages citizens to take steps towards making a positive difference in combating climate change.

**THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN**, that the Jackson County Board of Commissioners and the Jackson County Administrative Government will lead by example, working to maximize energy and water efficiency, use more clean renewable energy sources and reduce our use of fossil fuels, work to protect drinking water sources as well as aquatic environments, and take other actions that help restore a healthy atmosphere.

**ADOPTED** the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2015.

Attest:

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Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to Board

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Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman