

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Eastern Divide Ranger District of the Jefferson National Forest is nearly 400,000 acres;

WHEREAS, the National Forest is located in eleven counties in Virginia and extends to one county in West Virginia;

WHEREAS, the National Forest has 400 miles of trails, including 150 miles of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, and provides eight campgrounds for citizens to enjoy;

WHEREAS, Forest Service staff are actively working to restore native ecosystems;

WHEREAS, personnel in the Eastern Divide Ranger District Office are of especially high caliber and have a reputation for interacting both professionally and enthusiastically with our community over the years;

WHEREAS, the Jefferson National Forest is adjacent to Blacksburg's border and the Town is proud and privileged to have the District Office headquartered in our community;

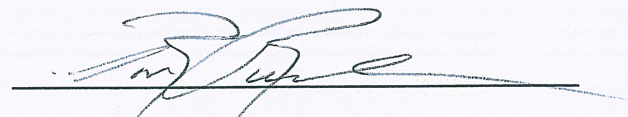
WHEREAS, the National Forest provides endless opportunities for hiking, wildlife viewing, mountain biking, horseback riding and numerous other forms of recreation, relaxation, adventure and learning;

WHEREAS, the Town's connection to the natural environment of the Jefferson National Forest is a treasure to our community and adds great value to the quality of life for our residents and our visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON RORDAM, MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF BLACKSBURG, do hereby proclaim the last Saturday of June as ***National Forest Appreciation Day*** and encourage our citizens to enjoy and appreciate the natural wonders that the National Forest has to offer.

Given under my hand this 3rd day of April, 2017.




Ron Rordam, Mayor