



## *Proclamation*

### **OPEN BURNING PROHIBITED NOVEMBER 8, 2016**

**WHEREAS**, atmospheric conditions in Jackson County are very dry and pose an increased risk of wildfires with the potential to destroy life, real property and natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, fire response resources are depleted due to the fighting of existing wildfires in Jackson County and surrounding areas; and

**WHEREAS**, measures by Jackson County are necessary to prevent additional fires; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 307.1.1 of the North Carolina Fire Prevention Code adopted and incorporated by reference into the Jackson County Fire Prevention and Protection Ordinance, open burning shall be prohibited when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make open burning fires hazardous; and

**WHEREAS**, “open burning” means the burning of any type of combustible material directly into the open air. It includes any land clearing or recreational outdoor fire including campfires; fireworks; prescribed burning, croplands, structures or underbrush in forested areas; or outdoor fires of any size; and

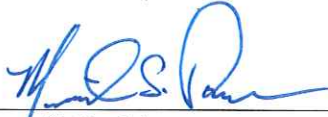
**WHEREAS**, the N.C. Forest Service has issued a ban on all open burning and has canceled all burning permits in Jackson County; however, the ban does not apply to a fire within 100 feet of an occupied dwelling; and

**WHEREAS**, Jackson County, through the County Fire Marshal, has the jurisdiction over open burning within 100 feet of an occupied dwelling.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Jackson County Fire Marshal does hereby prohibit open burning within 100 feet of an occupied dwelling in order to provide for the safety and well-being of citizens and to protect property and natural resources.

This order shall become effective at 2:00pm on November 8, 2016 and remain in effect until formally terminated.

**THIS** the 8th day of November, 2016.

By:   
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Michael S. Forbis  
Jackson County Fire Marshal