

**TOWN OF JACKSON PROCLAMATION
DECLARING OCTOBER CELL PHONE AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, more people use cell phones today than ever before because of their convenience and portability; and,

WHEREAS, the Jackson Town Council considers the health and welfare of the citizens of the Town a priority; and

WHEREAS, research studies have linked the use of cell phones to brain cancer and other illnesses because radiation is absorbed by the body as a cell phone sends out its signal; and,

WHEREAS, these risks may be greater for children than adults because their skulls are thinner and their brains and bodies are smaller; and,

WHEREAS, phones emit more radiation in weak signal areas as they attempt to connect to a tower; and,

WHEREAS, simple steps such as holding the phone farther away from your ear, turning off your phone when not in use, checking the specific absorption rate of your phone, and using a headset significantly reduces the radiation absorbed into your body; and,

WHEREAS, cell phones are important for communication and safety reasons, but all people, and especially parents of young children, should be aware of how to reduce risks from cell phone use.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mark Barron, Mayor of the Town of Jackson do hereby declare the month of October, 2010 as **Cell Phone Awareness Month** and, in so doing, urge citizens to become aware of the risks associated with prolonged cell phone use and to take steps necessary to mitigate these risks to themselves and the children in their care.

DATED THIS 20th Day of September, 2010.

TOWN OF JACKSON

Mark Barron, Mayor

ATTEST:

Roxanne Robinson, Town Clerk