



## Proclamation Monson, Maine

WHEREAS, Appalachian Trail (A.T.) founder Benton MacKaye's vision of the A.T. included opportunities for recreation, recuperation, and employment through "...a series of recreational communities throughout the Appalachian chain... to be connected by a walking trail"; and

WHEREAS, the A.T. traces its roots to the 1920's and was designated America's first National Scenic Trail in 1968; and

WHEREAS, today through the efforts of volunteers, clubs and agency partners, the A.T. extends more than 2,180 miles from Georgia to Maine within a protected 250,000 acre greenway; and

WHEREAS, Appalachian Trail Communities™ are characterized by an abundance of natural, historical and cultural features—many of which are protected and best viewed and appreciated via the A.T.; and


WHEREAS, this designation will act as a catalyst for enhancing economic development, engaging Monson citizens as A.T. visitors and stewards, and helping community members see the A.T. as a resource and asset; and


WHEREAS, the Town of Monson, is recognized and is taking steps to ensure the ongoing protection of its natural and recreational resources while investing in its future as a memorable destination along the A.T.; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Monson is now recognized and designated as an Appalachian Trail Community™, an official designation conferred by the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, and desires to continue its efforts to support the A.T. and its community effort for at least 5 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Julie Anderson, Town Manager, do hereby proclaim that the Town of Monson accepts the designation as an Appalachian Trail Community™ and urges its citizens to support the A.T. through appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 21st day of July, 2012.

  
Julie Anderson,  
Town Manager of Monson

  
Hawk Metheny  
Appalachian Trail Conservancy  
New England Regional Director