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