



September 14, 2008



Greetings:

As Mayor, I welcome you to Jackson State University's *Fifth International Symposium on Recent Advances in Environmental Health Research*, and to the City of Jackson.

We are proud to have this very worthwhile event in our City, and I commend Jackson State University and the other sponsors for organizing such an important conference. Our health status and quality of life depends significantly on the quality of the environment in which we live. For this reason, I am pleased that this scientific forum is being organized to discuss the latest advancements in environmental health research.

I am also excited that this symposium is being organized in Jackson, one of American's most livable mid-size cities. Jackson is an exciting place, and it is getting better all the time. The city offers a wide variety of attractions, as well as, entertaining and educational activities including the Mississippi Museum of Art, Smith Robertson Museum and Cultural Center, Russell C. Davis Planetarium, Mississippi Museum of Natural Science and many others. We also have a self-guided walking tour to acquaint you with many of our downtown attractions. I hope in your free time, you will get out and visit some of our exciting attractions, and partake of some of the exquisite food prepared by our many restaurants. For a detailed listing, you may visit our website, [www.city.jackson.ms.us](http://www.city.jackson.ms.us) and click on "Visitors".

I know you will experience a true southern hospitality from our citizens, and I trust your stay will be a pleasant one. Please feel free to come again, and encourage others to visit Jackson.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frank E. Melton".

Frank Melton  
Mayor, City of Jackson