



September 18, 2011



**Greetings:**

As Mayor, I welcome you to Jackson State University's *Eighth 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 and the other sponsors for addressing such important issues. The sustainability of our environment is critical to our overall health and survival, and that is why I am pleased that so many scientists and experts have decided to meet in order to discuss the latest advancements in environmental health research.

For those of you who are visiting, I hope you are able to get out and visit some of our exciting attractions, and partake of some of the exquisite food prepared by our many restaurants. Jackson is an exciting place, and it is getting better all the time. We have venues that offer both 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. The guide for Jackson's Civil Rights Movement Driving Tour is available, and we also have a self-guided walking tour to acquaint you with many of our downtown attractions. 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 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, where we working to become the "Best of the New South".

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "HJJ".

Harvey Johnson, Jr.

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*Mayor, City of Jackson*

**"Making Jackson the Best of the New South"**