



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the idea of hosting a summer concert series for Greenville's residents and visitors, was conceived by Stuart Aronson in the early 1970s;

**WHEREAS**, the performing arts are an essential component of a dynamic and exciting community and of a good public recreation program;

**WHEREAS**, Stuart's passion, commitment and dedication to assuring the quality of the performances and the longevity of the series has been strong and continuous;

**WHEREAS**, the summer of 2013 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sunday in the Park Concert Series;

**WHEREAS**, Stuart Aronson has served as the manager and director of the program during each of those 40 years;

**WHEREAS**, Stuart planned and hosted more than 300 concerts during that time period;

**WHEREAS**, Sunday in the Park has continually provided a diverse selection of musical styles for residents of all ages;

**WHEREAS**, numerous Sunday in the Park performers have gained fame through being "in the spotlight" on the Town Common stage, and have gone on to become renowned across the region and even the nation;

**WHEREAS**, over the program's 40 year life, tens of thousands of Greenville citizens and visitors have experienced and enjoyed these concerts; and

**WHEREAS**, Sunday in the Park has had an intensely positive impact on Greenville by annually bringing together all corners of the community to enjoy free musical concerts in a beautiful outdoor environment.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Allen M. Thomas, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, express the City's sincere gratitude to Stuart Aronson and do hereby proclaim August 18, 2013, as

## **STUART ARONSON APPRECIATION DAY**

in honor of his role in implementing the Sunday in the Park program which has been enjoyed by the community for the past 40 years.

This 8th day of August, 2013.

  
Allen M. Thomas, Mayor