



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, April 2012, marks the 43rd anniversary of the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 and the 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the State Fair Housing Act;

**WHEREAS**, the State Fair Housing Act of 1983 and the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 prohibit discrimination in housing because of "race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicapping condition and familial status";

**WHEREAS**, one of the most important concerns of North Carolina individuals and families is the availability of decent and affordable housing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greenville Human Relations Council, Greenville Area Property Managers Association and Greenville-Pitt Association of Realtors, through their coordinated efforts with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, county and local governments, fair housing organizations and concerned citizens of the housing industry, continue to strive toward promoting broader housing choices in North Carolina, promoting understanding of the State Fair Housing Act and the Federal Fair Housing Act, encouraging integrated communities and neighborhoods, securing compliance with state and federal housing laws, eliminating discrimination in housing and punishing those who violate the State's Fair Housing Act;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Allen M. Thomas, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2012, as

## FAIR HOUSING MONTH

in Greenville and encourage our citizens to rededicate themselves to ensuring that fair housing laws are always upheld and that citizens are protected from discrimination.

This 20th day of March, 2012.

Allen M. Thomas, Mayor