

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

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WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Greenville now residing in nursing homes have contributed immeasurably to the heritage, success and growth of our community;

WHEREAS, nursing home residents of any age or ability are themselves living history and a precious resource;

WHEREAS, member nursing homes of the American Health Care Association are holding events in observance of Nursing Home Week guided by this year's national theme of "Celebrating the Journey";

WHEREAS, "Celebrating the Journey" reminds us that every life should be honored, every life's story needs to be told and that every day we have a chance to begin writing a new chapter. Whether the day is filled with comedy or drama, nursing home residents and care givers are co-authors and leading characters in each other's life story; and

WHEREAS, Nursing Home Week begins on Mother's Day, May 13, and ends on May 19, 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Allen M. Thomas, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 13 – May 19, 2012, as

NATIONAL NURSING HOME WEEK

in Greenville and urge every citizen to honor the elderly and disabled residents of nursing homes by visiting or volunteering at a local nursing home to bring the community spirit to the residents and show appreciation to the staff who care for our most beloved citizens on our behalf.

This 12th day of April, 2012.

Allen M. Thomas, Mayor