

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

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**WHEREAS**, Vidant Medical Center Cancer Care, provides comprehensive care to the people of eastern North Carolina by fulfilling its mission which is to "improve cancer prevention, detection, and treatment for the people of Eastern North Carolina through enhanced patient care, teaching and research";

WHEREAS, Cancer Care emphasizes the need for cancer awareness by declaring the month of May as Skin Cancer Awareness Month;

WHEREAS, the population of Eastern North Carolina has significant vocational and recreational sun exposure;

WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society, over 76,250 new cases of melanoma are expected to occur in 2012 in the United States, and nearly 9,180 people will die of the disease;

WHEREAS, one American dies of melanoma every hour;

WHEREAS, more than 3.5 million skin cancer in more than 2 million people are diagnosed annually;

WHEREAS, skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States; and

WHEREAS, early detection of skin cancer can lead to cure and increased survival.

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

## SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

This 26th day of April, 2012.

Allen M. Thomas, Mayor