



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the United Nations designated December 18, as International Migrants Day, an important day to recognize the human rights and fundamental freedoms of migrants; but most of all an opportunity to recognize the contributions made by millions of migrants to the economy and the well-being of their host home countries and the cities where they live, work and send their children to school;

WHEREAS, the city of Greenville is the most diverse city in Eastern North Carolina; Approximately 24 languages are spoken in this region and 24 countries in the world claim Greenville, NC as their home;

WHEREAS, approximately 7% of the city of Greenville's residents and workforce are foreign-born and its greatest strength is its diversity of people; we appreciate the contributions made by residents of all backgrounds who reflect a wonderful representation of nations, ethnicities, religions and races. We also recognize that these populations have a tremendous impact upon the social, and economic development of our city, state and nation;

WHEREAS, the city of Greenville is proud to honor the history of various communities that have not only strengthened our city, state and nation, but have also influenced the course of all humankind; adding to the greatness of this country are individuals and entire communities of various ancestries, many of whom can trace their roots in this country back several centuries;

WHEREAS, we celebrate as a community the enduring faith, history and culture of all our people, and are further inspired by every person's quest to pursue life freedom, liberty, happiness and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, we are further inspired by the contributions migrants make to global humankind;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Allen M. Thomas, Mayor of the city of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim December 18, 2012 as

MIGRANTS DAY

In Greenville and extend best wishes to all of our communities as they hold appropriate ceremonies to commemorate this observance.

Allen M. Thomas, Mayor