



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is widespread and affects over 4 million Americans each year;

**WHEREAS**, historically and presently women have been and continue to be victims of domestic violence. We in Greenville are committed to restoring our first civil right – the right to freedom from fear in our own honest;

**WHEREAS**, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any groups of people but cross all economic, racial, affectional preference, and social barriers;

**WHEREAS**, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity, due to systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control and/or abuse;

**WHEREAS**, no one person, organization, agency or community can eliminate domestic violence on their own – we must work together to educate our entire population about what can be done to prevent such violence, support victims/survivors and their families, and increase support for agencies providing services to those community members;

**WHEREAS**, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to gain knowledge of the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims;

**WHEREAS**, the Center for Family Violence Prevention will host a press conference and vigil on Thursday, October 25, 2012, at 10:30 a.m. in the City of Greenville Council Chambers, Third Floor of City Hall, 200 West Fifth Street. The press conference will address the effects of domestic violence in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the vigil will recognize those whose lives have been taken by domestic violence in Pitt County from the year 2000 to the present.

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

## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

in Greenville and urge all citizens to actively participate in the efforts to end violence in our homes and communities.

This 1st day of October, 2012.

Allen M. Thomas, Mayor