



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, HIV/AIDS is still feared and misunderstood;

**WHEREAS**, the major focus of World AIDS Day is to provide awareness to the community about HIV/AIDS issues, including the need for support and understanding for people living with HIV/AIDS, and the need for the development of education and prevention initiatives;

**WHEREAS**, the Pitt County AIDS Service Organization, Inc. (PICASO) began as a grassroots organization in 1991 that focused on supporting those living with HIV/AIDS by them with providing programs and nutritional support;

**WHEREAS**, PICASO today focuses on three main areas: HIV Testing, Education and Advocacy, Emergency Funding for those living with HIV/AIDS;

**WHEREAS**, the mission of PICASO is to prevent the transmission of HIV through educational outreach and testing to Pitt County and the surrounding counties of Eastern North Carolina to provide assistance to those living with, and affected by HIV/AIDS in our community. In providing this outreach and these services [they] strive to treat all people with dignity, respect, and compassion; and

**WHEREAS**, PICASO encourages the community to attend the World AIDS Day Community Rally that will be held on December 1, 2012, at 12:00 p.m. on the steps of the Pitt County Courthouse;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Allen M. Thomas, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim December 1, 2012, as

## **WORLD AIDS DAY**

in Greenville and urge citizens to support the organizations and agencies in their efforts to bring awareness to our communities about HIV/AIDS.

This 28th day of November, 2012.

Allen M. Thomas, Mayor