



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

Proclamation

WHEREAS; Every 45 seconds someone in the United States experiences a stroke;

WHEREAS, Stroke, or brain attack, is the third leading cause of death in America killing 160,000 people annually;

WHEREAS, Stroke is a leading cause of adult disability. There are more than five million stroke survivors in the United States, with two-thirds living with moderate to severe disabilities;

WHEREAS, Greenville, NC is one of the most severely affected areas by stroke;

WHEREAS, The United States spends more than 57.9 billion in direct and indirect costs on stroke;

WHEREAS, African-Americans, as compared to Whites have almost twice the risk of first ever stroke;

WHEREAS, Stroke is a leading cause of adult disability. There are more than five million stroke survivors in the United States, with two-thirds living with moderate to severe disabilities;

WHEREAS, 55, 000 more women than men have a stroke each year;

WHEREAS, More than one-third of Americans cannot identify a single warning sign of stroke which includes sudden trouble talking, walking, seeing, paralysis usually on one side of the body and sudden severe headache with no known cause;

WHEREAS, If any of the above symptoms occur, it is important to call 911 immediately;

WHEREAS, More than half a million strokes can be prevented a year, yet many Americans don't discuss their stroke risks with their primary health care providers;

WHEREAS, Public awareness of the risks and warning signs of a stroke is essential to prevention and early treatment;

WHEREAS, Emergency treatment of stroke can save lives, reduce disability and even possibly reverse all impacts from the stroke; and

WHEREAS, National Stroke Association and the American Stroke Association celebrates National Stroke Awareness Month in May and urges people to take charge of their health by asking their doctors about stroke risks and adopting healthy lifestyle habits to lower their risk;

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

STROKE AWARENESS MONTH

in Greenville and encourage all citizens to ask their doctors about stroke prevention and the warning signs of stroke.

This 15th day of May, 2012.

Allen M. Thomas, Mayor