



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the arc of Mrs. Lizzie Coward Harper's life spans 100 years, and those significant years were experienced in Greenville and Pitt County;

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Lizzie Coward Harper, the daughter of the late Spartie Rodgers and Samuel Coward, Sr., was born in Winterville, North Carolina on May 4, 1911;

**WHEREAS**, during her early years, Mrs. Harper worked at two of Greenville's largest tobacco warehouses, E. B. (Edward Bancroft) Ficklen Tobacco Company and Person Garrett Co, Inc. After marriage, Mrs. Harper and her husband acquired a farm where she worked to support her family for many years. In addition, she was employed as a housekeeper at Pitt Memorial Hospital and for 35 years she provided professional services as a nanny to the children of Jeanette Cox (Realtor);

**WHEREAS**, during her years of retirement, Mrs. Harper enjoys cooking, gardening and reading the Bible;

**WHEREAS**, all of her life Mrs. Harper has been a member of Good Hope Freewill Baptist Church, Winterville, North Carolina, and even at the age of one hundred she is serving on the church Mothers' Board;

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Lizzie Coward Harper, wife of the late Daniel Phillips for many years, later remarrying to the late Lubie Harper, and sister of two siblings, the late Eddie Coward and Samuel Coward, Jr. is the mother of one son, the late Daniel J. Phillips; grandmother of Daniel Earl Phillips, Leonard Earl Phillips, Dollie Mae Phillips, and Roger Phillips; and great grandmother of several grandchildren; and

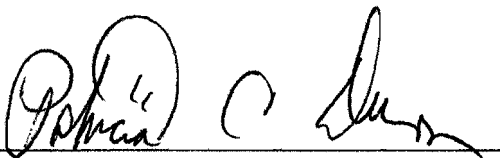
**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Harper will celebrate her 100th birthday with family and friends on Saturday, May 7, 2011;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby congratulate Mrs. Lizzie Coward Harper on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and proclaim May 7, 2011 as

## LIZZIE COWARD HARPER DAY

in Greenville.

This 7th day of May, 2011.

  
Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor