

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

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WHEREAS, Pitt County, North Carolina is a community that includes over 20,000 citizens aged 55 and over;

*WHEREAS*, the increasing population of older adults in Pitt County and across the nation highlights the need for increased support and services;

*WHEREAS,* the older adults in Greenville and Pitt County are the roots from which our community grows, who bestow gifts of wisdom and insight upon younger generations, and strengthen the bonds between neighbors to create a better place to live;

WHEREAS, our society can be enhanced by older adults aging peacefully in their communities;

*WHEREAS*, the older adults in Greenville and Pitt County should be commended for their role in creating and bolstering the fiber of our community and nation; and

*WHEREAS*, our community can provide that recognition and respect by enriching the quality of life for older Americans by:

- Increasing their opportunities to remain in their communities as active and engaged citizens;
- Providing services, technologies, and support systems that allow seniors to foster and maintain connections within the community;
- Emphasizing the value of elders by publically recognizing their contributions to the diversity, strength, and unity of our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2011 as

## **OLDER AMERICANS MONTH**

in Greenville and urge every citizen to take time this month to honor our older adults and the professionals, family members, and volunteers who care for many of them. Our recognition of older Americans and their involvement in our lives can help us achieve stronger and more meaningful connections with each other and enrich our community's quality of life.

This 29th day of April, 2011.

Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor