

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

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WHEREAS, May 21, 2011 is the first National Kids to Parks Day organized and launched by the National Park Trust;

WHEREAS, National Kids to Parks Day empowers kids and encourages families to get outdoors and visit America's parks;

*WHEREAS*, it is important to introduce a new generation to our nation's parks because of the decline in Park attendance over the last decades;

*WHEREAS*, we should encourage children to lead a more active lifestyle to combat the issues of childhood obesity, diabetes mellitus, hypertension and hypercholesterolemia;

*WHEREAS*, National Kids to Parks Day is open to all children and adults across the country to encourage a large and diverse group of participants; and

WHEREAS, National Kids to Parks Day will broaden children's appreciation for nature and the outdoors.

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 21, 2011 as

## KIDS TO PARKS DAY

in Greenville and urge citizens to make time May 21<sup>st</sup> to take the children in their lives to a neighborhood, state or national park.

This 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011.

Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor