



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the Civil Rights Movement fought to eliminate racial discrimination and segregation;

**WHEREAS**, non-violent protests and acts of civil disobedience both produced legislative acts that ameliorated conditions for minorities;

**WHEREAS**, the brave citizens of all races that worked together for the common good were met with violence and hatred;

**WHEREAS**, the unsung heroes of the Civil Rights Movement were children;

**WHEREAS**, on Sunday, September 15, 1963 at 10:22 a.m. the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama was bombed killing fourteen year-old Carole Robertson and three other children;

**WHEREAS**, her death was one of many that helped speed the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act which made racial discrimination illegal and required employers to provide equal opportunity employment; and

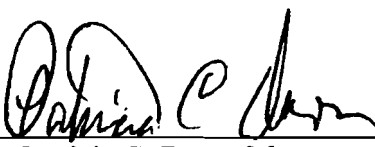
**WHEREAS**, Carole Robertson was a lifetime member of Jack and Jill of America, of which the Eastern North Carolina Chapter remembers her sacrifices and those of all of the children who participated in the Civil Rights Movement.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 18, 2011 as

## **CAROLE ROBERTSON DAY**

in Greenville, North Carolina.

This 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011.

  
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Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor