



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Hispanic community makes significant contributions to local and state labor forces, our communities, and represents a considerable share of the workforce and taxpayers;

WHEREAS, the Hispanic population has grown 111.11% from 2000 to 2010 in North Carolina which makes North Carolina the top 10th fastest growing Hispanic population growth state in the Nation. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 5.47% of Pitt County and 3.8% of Greenville population is of Hispanic origin;

WHEREAS, according to the National Center for Education Statistics 3% of the students enrolled at Eastern Carolina University are of Hispanic/Latino origin;

WHEREAS, Greenville and Pitt County is home to an increasing number of Hispanic professionals from education to health and business;

WHEREAS, the contribution of Hispanics in our armed forces during this time of war are duly noted and deeply appreciated; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month, since its inception in 1968 by Presidential Proclamation, has honored the diversity, contributions, and dedication of Hispanics as an integral part of the fabric of our Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proudly proclaim September 15 through October 15, 2011 as

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

in Greenville, and I urge all residents to take advantage of the many opportunities for cultural growth available during this time.

This 15th day of September, 2011.

Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor