



Proclamation

WHEREAS, citizens across the country are endeavoring to give greater emphasis to the advancement of persons with disabilities;

WHEREAS, such citizens are valued members of the citizenry;

WHEREAS, employers of the private and public sector and other entities engaged in public accommodations can impact the quality of life experienced by physically and mentally impaired persons;

WHEREAS, in 1990, the United States Congress enacted the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities in employment, public accommodations, transportation and telecommunications;

WHEREAS, "Profit by Investing in Workers with Disabilities" is the official theme for October's National Disability Employment Awareness Month. This theme honors the contributions of workers with disabilities and serves to inform the public that they represent a highly skilled talent pool that can help employers compete in today's global economy;

WHEREAS, the City of Greenville strongly supports employment of citizens with disabilities and wants to assure that they are fully included in our social, cultural and economic mainstream; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Eastern Carolina Vocational, Inc. (ECVC) is to help find employment for people with disabilities. ECVC's total of 88 employment placements for our disabled population during 2010-2011 was one of the highest and is a major contribution to the City of Greenville.

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

DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

in Greenville and urge all public officials, business leaders, industry, labor and all private citizens to recognize the activities and programs that promote the employment of qualified persons with disabilities.

This 30th day of September, 2011.

Patricia C. Dunn. Mayor