



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR. CITY OF GREENVILLE

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the City of Greenville recognizes the importance of giving children permanent, safe, and loving families through adoption;

**WHEREAS**, National Adoption Month is a time to celebrate family and to bring about awareness that there are hundreds of thousands of children in foster homes awaiting adoption;

**WHEREAS**, these children and adoptive families require and deserve community and public agencies support;

**WHEREAS**, Pitt County Department of Social Services recruits and approves adoptive families in the hope of placing awaiting children with 'forever' families;

**WHEREAS**, the staff of Pitt County Department of Social Services Adoption-Placement Unit strives to secure permanent homes for the youth whose plan is adoption. This staff works diligently in partnership with other county Department of Social Services as well as private agencies to place foster children in adoptive homes; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2011 Adoption Awareness Month theme is *You Don't Have to be Perfect to be a Perfect Parent*. This theme challenges our citizens, community organizations, adoption service providers and local and State agencies to encourage dedicated prospective parents to make a powerful difference in the lives of a child through adoption.

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

## **ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH**

in Greenville and commend its observance to our citizens.

**FURTHER**, I hereby encourage citizens, community agencies, businesses, schools, faith-based organizations, and others to celebrate adoption; honor families that grow through adoption; further an awareness of the changes and issues in adoption; and to continue to help secure permanent, loving homes for infants, children with special needs, and teenagers in the Pitt County and North Carolina foster care system regardless of their race, age, gender, health, emotional or behavioral challenge or past distress.

This 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 2011.

  
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Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor