



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the National Good Neighbor Day is celebrated throughout the country annually. The Good Neighbor Movement in Greenville and Pitt County is an ongoing movement that encourages random acts of kindness every day;

WHEREAS, National Good Neighbor Day was created by Mrs. Becky Mattson of Lakeside, Montana in the early 1970's. Mrs. Mattson, with the help of Congressman Mike Mansfield, succeeded in getting Presidents Nixon, Ford, and Carter and governors to sign proclamations for National Good Neighbor Day;

WHEREAS, the Good Neighbor Movement for Greenville and Pitt County was created to encourage people to be good citizens, good neighbors, good friends, and to recognize and report random acts of kindness;

WHEREAS, the ultimate goal is that simple, day-to-day random acts of kindness will enable the Greenville and Pitt County communities to become kinder, safer, and more secure environments in which to live, work, and play;

WHEREAS, random acts of kindness are those considerate things we do with no expectation of receiving anything in return and go beyond those boundaries we humans place on ourselves to foster a sense of belonging and community; and

WHEREAS, random acts of kindness are important tools we can use to connect with one another, and to foster community peace, harmony, and understanding.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 20, 2011 as

GOOD NEIGHBOR DAY

FURTHER, I proclaim October 17-21, 2011 as

GOOD NEIGHBOR KICK-OFF WEEK

in Greenville and urge all citizens to participate in this national celebration and to practice random acts of kindness for family, friends, co-workers, and strangers, and to live their lives in keeping with this attitude every day.

This 14th day of October, 2011.



Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor