



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, health care-associated infections are infections that patients acquire during the course of receiving treatment for other conditions within a health care setting;

**WHEREAS**, health care-associated infections increase morbidity and mortality and add a significant financial burden to the cost of health care as they are among the leading causes of death in the United States;

**WHEREAS**, infection preventionists are committed to patient and healthcare worker safety and reducing the risk and occurrence of infections in health care facilities;

**WHEREAS**, infection preventionists, health care professionals, administrators, legislators, consumers and medical manufacturers will join the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) in commemorating International Infection Prevention Week (IIPW), October 16-22. The international theme is "Infection Prevention is Everyone's Business";

**WHEREAS**, 2011 marks the silver anniversary for IIPW, first established in 1986 by President Ronald Reagan;

**WHEREAS**, Infection Prevention Week is health care's largest annual effort to promote safe, hygienic practices in health care facilities;

**WHEREAS**, it is important to encourage our citizens to educate themselves on the symptoms and impact of infections and the actions they can take to prevent health care-associated infections (HAIs), thereby reducing the burden of human suffering and disease; and

**WHEREAS**, the APIC Zone 7 Chapter has planned activities within Pitt County Memorial Hospital to help spread the word about the importance of infection prevention and the work of infection preventionists in Greenville and around the world.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of October 16-22, 2011 as

## **INFECTION PREVENTION WEEK**

in Greenville

This 6th day of October, 2011.

Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor