



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, quality, affordable and accessible patient-centered health care, provided by skilled practitioners, contributes to the well-being and quality of life for all citizens of our city;

WHEREAS, physician assistants (PAs) are often the first point of contact for many patients and play a vital role in helping patients understand their medical needs and empower them to become effective advocates for themselves;

WHEREAS, PAs work side-by-side with physicians to enhance the delivery of high-quality health care for patients which is a valuable asset to the medical community;

WHEREAS, PAs have earned the respect of the general public for their dedication and contributions to people's lives and by working together with the health care team to ensure delivery of more efficient and effective health care services;

WHEREAS, PAs are academically and clinically prepared to provide health care services, including diagnosis and treatment of disease, assist in surgery and prescribe medications with the direction of a supervising physician;

WHEREAS, the Physician Assistant Studies faculty at East Carolina University takes pride in developing leaders who inspire, empower and influence positive change in health care of citizens in medically underserved and rural areas;

WHEREAS, the members of the Physician Assistant Student Association in Greenville feel so fortunate to have an opportunity to obtain their Master's degree in Physician Assistant Studies at East Carolina University; and

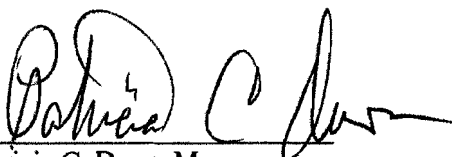
WHEREAS, National Physician Assistants Week is one of the major events that is celebrated annually by the physician assistant national, state, and student associations. The week of October 6-12 was chosen to commemorate the anniversary of the first graduating Physician Assistant class at Duke University on October 6, 1967.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 6-12, 2011 as

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS WEEK

in Greenville and urge all of citizens to recognize physician assistants for the significant impact they have made and continue to make in health care as a critical part of the health care team.

This 30th day of September, 2011.



Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor