



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Black African Americans have contributed immeasurably to the success of our nation from the days of early colonization to the present. They have excelled in every facet of life, including education, science, medicine, the arts, sports, politics, public service and every profession;

WHEREAS, Black History Month is the observance of a special period to recognize the achievements and contributions of Black African Americans;

WHEREAS, this observance was initiated in 1926 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson as Negro History Week and since 1976 it has been celebrated the entire month of February;

WHEREAS, Black History Month affords special opportunity to become more knowledgeable about black heritage, and to honor the many black leaders who have contributed to the progress of our city, state and nation; and

WHEREAS, such knowledge can strengthen the insight of all our citizens regarding the issues of human rights, the great strides that have been made in the crusade to eliminate the barriers of equality for minority groups, and the continuing struggle against racial discrimination and poverty.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the month of February, 2010 as

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

in Greenville, and urge all citizens of our community to give full regard to the past and continuing service of Black African Americans in our city, state and nation.

This 1st day of February, 2010.

Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor