



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, February 7, 2010, is the tenth annual commemoration and observance of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day;

**WHEREAS**, this observance is a nationwide effort to mobilize African American communities to "get educated" about the basics of HIV/AIDS; "get tested" to know their HIV status; "get involved" locally in their community and family to highlight the HIV/AIDS epidemic; and "get treated" if they are living with HIV/AIDS;

**WHEREAS**, National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day is directed, planned and strategically overseen by a Strategic Leadership Council made up of prominent organizations, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), to mobilize community-based organizations and stakeholders involved in HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment;

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 35,000 residents of North Carolina are living with HIV. Based on new cases reported to CDC each year, African Americans account for a higher proportion of cases at all stages of HIV/AIDS—from infection with HIV to death with AIDS—compared with members of other races and ethnicities in North Carolina;

**WHEREAS**, cities throughout our state are hosting community events to recognize this day and its importance to all North Carolina residents and their families and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, since North Carolina's "Get Real Get Tested" statewide screening initiative was launched in 2006, our state has provided 34,444 free and confidential tests to the public, and community-based organizations will be participating in educational events and "Get Real Get Tested" opportunities on February 6, 2010, as we join with others around the country in shining a light on this critical public health issue.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina do hereby proclaim February 7, 2010 as

## **BLACK HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY**

in Greenville. I encourage all citizens to join me in supporting this day and participating in events planned to commemorate the occasion.

This 29th day of January, 2010.

Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor