

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

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WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a complex and ongoing problem in our society, affecting many children in the City of Greenville;

WHEREAS, every child is entitled to be loved, cared for, nurtured, feel secure and be free from verbal, sexual, emotional, and physical abuse, and neglect;

*WHEREAS*, it is the responsibility of every adult who comes in contact with a child to protect that child's inalienable right to have a safe and nurturing childhood;

*WHEREAS*, the City of Greenville has dedicated individuals and organizations who work daily to counter the problem of child maltreatment and to help parents obtain the assistance they need;

WHEREAS, our communities are stronger when all citizens become aware of child maltreatment prevention and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe and nurturing environment;

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among families, social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community; and

*WHEREAS*, all citizens, community agencies, faith organizations, and businesses will work to increase their efforts to support families and prevent child abuse.

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

## CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH

in Greenville.

This 31st day of March, 2010.

Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor