

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

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WHEREAS, Pitt County Memorial Hospital Cancer Services provides comprehensive care to the people of Eastern North Carolina by fulfilling its mission which is to "improve cancer prevention, detection, and treatment for the people of Eastern North Carolina through enhanced patient care, teaching and research";

WHEREAS, the Cancer Services emphasizes the need for cancer awareness by declaring the month of March as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month;

WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society about 150,000 new cases of colon and rectal cancers are expected to occur in 2010 in the United States, and 50,000 will die of the disease;

WHEREAS, cancer of the colon and rectum is the third most common form of cancer in both men and women;

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer incidence and mortality rates are 35% higher in men than in women; and

WHEREAS, early detection of colorectal cancer can lead to cure and increased survival.

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

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in Greenville.

This 12th day of March, 2010

Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor