



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a chronic and disabling disease of the central nervous system in which the progression, severity and specific symptoms cannot be foreseen;

WHEREAS, every hour of every day someone new is diagnosed with MS, a disease that can erode a person's abilities and hopes, halt a career and unravel the fabric of families;

WHEREAS, MS affects more than 400,000 people in the United States and 2.5 million worldwide;

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Chapters of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society report that in our state more than 10,000 people are affected by this devastating disease, and multiple sclerosis generally strikes young adults aged 20 through 40, attacking them in the prime of their lives;

WHEREAS, the Eastern North Carolina Chapter, located in Raleigh, serves over 4,900 individuals affected by MS in a 49-county area. In 2008, this chapter raised \$3.04 million to do something "now" about MS. Each year, through the National Multiple Sclerosis Society home office and 50-state network of chapters, they devote approximately \$125 million to programs and services that enhance more than one million lives to move us closer to a world free of MS;

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Chapters of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society report have been committed throughout the years to heightening public knowledge and insight about this devastating and disabling disease, and have raised more than \$8 million to find the cure for MS and develop effective treatments for the disease, as well as provide a wide range of client programs;

WHEREAS, research advances have brought us closer to finding the cure; however, much remains to be done, and services must continue to be provided to those who live with the disease; and

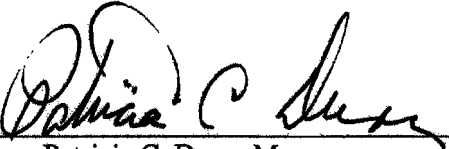
WHEREAS, finding the cause and developing a method of prevention for multiple sclerosis is an important task that all citizens of Greenville, North Carolinians, and Americans should support.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of March 8-14, 2010 as

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK

in Greenville.

This 25th day of February, 2010.


Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor