

WHEREAS, on July 26, 1990, President George H. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to ensure the civil rights of people with disabilities. This legislation established a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities;

WHEREAS, the ADA has expanded opportunities for Americans with disabilities by reducing barriers and changing perceptions, increasing full participation in community life. However, the full promise of the ADA will only be reached if public entities remain committed in their efforts to fully implement the ADA;

WHEREAS, on the 20th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Greenville celebrates and recognizes the progress that has been made by reaffirming the principals of equality and inclusion and recommitting to our efforts to reach full ADA compliance; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern North Carolina Center for Independent Living (ENC-CIL), a non-profit organization which empowers people with disabilities to achieve their desired level of independence, along with their partners: the City of Greenville, Human Relations Council, North Carolina ADA Network, North Carolina Disability Action Network, Pitt County Memorial Hospital Regional Rehabilitation Center, Pitt Area Transit System, Pitt County Committee for the Employment of People with Disabilities, Pitt County Community Schools and Recreation, and Support Team for Active Recreation (S.T.A.R.) are asking all citizens to join them and become part of the City's efforts to proclaim a recommitment for full inclusion of people with disabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 26, 2010 as

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES 20th ANNIVERSAY DAY

in Greenville and encourage all citizens to reaffirm our commitment to work towards full ADA compliance in our city and to support and participate in activities to commemorate the anniversary of this important date.

This 13th day of July, 2010.

Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor