



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, ticks carrying the bacteria *Borrelia burgdorferi* that causes Lyme Borreliosis, commonly known as Lyme disease, continues to spread across North Carolina;

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Division of Public Health now encourages physicians to consider the clinical diagnosis of Lyme disease in residents who may be infected with the bacteria, contracted within North Carolina;

**WHEREAS**, the number of reported cases of Lyme disease among residents of North Carolina continues to increase, yet the Centers for Disease Control estimates that on average there are ten missed cases for every case reported;

**WHEREAS**, Lyme disease is difficult to diagnoses because it imitates other conditions and no reliable laboratory test can prove who is infected or bacterial-free, which often leads to misdiagnosis;

**WHEREAS**, early indicators of infection include flu-like symptoms, characterized by chills, headache, fatigue, muscle and joint aches and swollen lymph nodes;

**WHEREAS**, weeks or months later, patients with untreated or under-treated Lyme disease can suffer from serious, permanent and sometimes life-threatening damage to the brain, joints, heart, eyes, liver, spleen blood vessels and kidneys. For this reason it is imperative that all who develop this disease receive immediate treatment; and

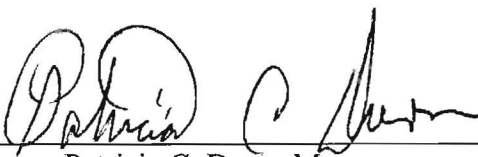
**WHEREAS**, the best solution to the threat of Lyme disease is to educate people about the seriousness of the illness and the need to practice personal preventive techniques when engaging in outdoor activities, such as frequent tick checks, use of tick repellant and proper tick removal.

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

**LYME DISEASE AWARENESS DAY**

in Greenville.

This 1st day of July, 2010.

  
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Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor