



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, a staggering 76.5 million Americans report that they have had a problem with pain that has lasted longer than a day;

WHEREAS, amongst a hallmark of many chronic conditions, pain affects more Americans than diabetes, heart disease, and cancer combined;

WHEREAS, untreated or inadequately treated pain can harm quality of life by diminishing the ability to function, socialize and be productive;

WHEREAS, despite this prevalence, access to appropriate and effective pain care remains a barrier for many Americans due to limited access to health care systems, appropriately trained pain specialists, prescribed pain treatments, or sites of care or pharmacies;

WHEREAS, improved pain management education and an effective multi-disciplinary treatment approach can help reduce suffering and remove barriers to pain-free living; and


WHEREAS, Pitt County Memorial Hospital will be celebrating Pain Awareness during the week of September 13-17, in hope that people with pain, their families and caregivers, healthcare professionals and policy makers will advocate for people experiencing pain by increasing awareness and promoting access to appropriate pain treatment for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of September 13-17, 2010 as

PAIN AWARENESS WEEK

in Greenville.

This 7th day of September, 2010.



Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor