

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

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WHEREAS, social justice and universal human rights are rooted in the belief that all people deserve to live in dignity and freedom;

WHEREAS, the pursuit of justice and the defense of human rights are among humankind's most noble aspirations;

WHEREAS, the establishment of justice is a necessary condition for legitimate government;

WHEREAS, Latinos have distinguished themselves as leaders in the cause for social justice and the establishment of human rights as Nobel Peace Prize winners, government officials, and grassroots community leaders;

WHEREAS, we recognize and celebrate the contributions of Latinos to our city, county, state, and nation during Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15th through October 15th, each year;

WHEREAS, the theme of the Third Annual Latino Leadership Summit is "Justice and Human Rights"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Juvencio Rocha Peralta has worked tirelessly to establish justice and human rights in Eastern North Carolina since immigrating to the United States more than 20 years ago, continues this vital work today, and has been recognized for his contributions by the North Carolina Justice Center and the North Carolina Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 1, 2010 as

JUVENCIO ROCHA PERALTA APPRECIATION DAY

in Greenville, in recognition of and appreciation for Mr. Rocha Peralta's continuing efforts to establish justice and secure human rights for Latinos and all persons in Greenville, Pitt County, and throughout Eastern North Carolina.

FURTHER, I encourage all persons attending the Third Annual Latino Leadership Summit to join with Mr. Rocha Peralta in this important work so that together we may achieve lasting justice and human rights for all people.

This 1st day of October, 2010.

Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor