



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, November is National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month and National Family Caregivers Month;

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease and related disorders are progressively disabling neurological diseases that destroy lives of victims as well as their loved ones;

WHEREAS, there are more than 5 million Americans living with Alzheimer's and as many as 10 million family caregivers. Another American is diagnosed with the disease every 70 seconds. Unless something is done, by 2050, up to 16 million Americans will have Alzheimer's, and a new case will be diagnosed every 33 seconds;

WHEREAS, in North Carolina an estimated 200,000 people suffer from Alzheimer's disease, causing emotional, physical, medical and financial stress on patients and families, requiring 24-hour personal care;

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's costs Americans more than \$148 billion annually. In 2007, 9.8 million family and unpaid caregivers of people with Alzheimer's and other dementias provided 8.4 billion hours of care;

WHEREAS, while Alzheimer's disease is the fifth most common cause of death in the United States, for persons 65 years and older, federal government research funding for a cure ranks 18th;

WHEREAS, although advancements have been made recently, continued involvement of health care professionals and government officials will result in further medical progress and patient care improvement; and


WHEREAS, The Benevolence Corps is sponsoring its annual "Candlelight Reflections" service to honor and remember those affected by Alzheimer's disease from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on November 4, 2010 at City Hall, 200 West Fifth Street.

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

**ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH
AND
FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH**

in Greenville and urge all citizens to participate.

This 29th day of October, 2010.


Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor