



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, for many years, February has been observed by an increasing number of Americans of all ethnic and sociological backgrounds as Black History Month;

WHEREAS, Black Americans have contributed immeasurably to the success of our nation from the days of early colonization to the present;

WHEREAS, Black Americans have excelled in every facet of life, including education, science, medicine, the arts, politics, and every profession;

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina and the City of Greenville boast a rich and progressive history which includes numerous significant contributions made by Black citizens who clearly had in mind and demonstrated the purpose of making our city a better place in which each person can live and develop;

WHEREAS, it is recognized that there is a need for each of us to know and understand our past in order to better prepare for the challenge of our future; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 theme of Black History Month is *"The Quest for Black Citizenship in the Americas"*;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the month of February, 2009 as

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

in Greenville, and commend this observance to our citizens.

This 3rd day of February, 2009.

Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor