



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, on February 23, 1905, Rotary was founded in Chicago as a service club by Paul Harris and three business colleagues, and today there are more than 1.2 million members internationally in more than 32,000 clubs in 200 countries and geographic areas; and

**WHEREAS**, February 23<sup>rd</sup> is the anniversary of the founding of Rotary International and Rotary clubs throughout the world will celebrate the week of February 22-28, 2009 in honor of their founder; and

**WHEREAS**, Rotary International is a professional service organization that helps eradicate hunger and disease, provides cultural and educational scholarships, engages in and supports service projects that improve our communities, and works in fellowship to promote peace and goodwill throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme for their work this year is "Make Dreams Real" and Rotarians throughout Pitt County are working daily to help make that happen; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rotary clubs of eastern North Carolina are all part of District 7720 of Rotary International and have pledged to honor Paul Harris and Rotary with hands-on service projects in our communities during the week of their celebration; and

**WHEREAS**, during the week of their celebration, the six Rotary Clubs in Pitt County will help stock food pantries, clean and provide maintenance to our homeless shelters and other agencies, work in our animal shelters, read to and tutor school children, and provide other helpful service to those less fortunate among us;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 22-28, 2009 as

## **ROTARY SERVICE WEEK**

in Greenville in honor of more than 100 years of service to local communities throughout the world by Rotary and further do recognize and commend the three Rotary Clubs in Greenville and their members for their many and varied contributions to the community throughout the years.

This 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2009.

Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor