



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, cats and dogs provide companionship to and share the homes of over 71,000,000 individuals in the United States;

**WHEREAS**, humane societies and shelters have to euthanize approximately four million cats and dogs each year, although many of them are healthy and adoptable, due to a lack of critical resources such as money, space, and good adoptive homes;

**WHEREAS**, the problem of pet overpopulation costs the taxpayers of this country millions of dollars annually through animal control programs aimed at coping with the millions of homeless cats and dogs;

**WHEREAS**, spaying and neutering cats and dogs has been shown to drastically reduce cat and dog overpopulation;

**WHEREAS**, veterinarians, humane societies, national and local animal protection organizations, and private citizens worked together to ensure the spaying or neutering of more than 20,000 companion animals through "Spay Day USA" in 2008; and

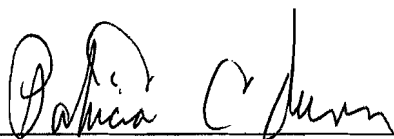
**WHEREAS**, veterinarians, humane societies, national and local animal protection organizations, and private citizens have joined together again to advocate the spaying and neutering of companion animals on "Spay Day USA" in 2009;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 24, 2009 as

## **SPAY DAY**

in Greenville and call upon the citizens to observe the day having their own cats or dogs spayed or neutered or by sponsoring the spaying or neutering of another person's cat or dog.

This 6th day of February, 2009.

  
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Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor