



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, Winston-Salem State University was established as Slater Normal School by Dr. Simon Green Atkins in September 1892 as an educational institution of higher learning for African Americans. The Slater Normal School became Winston-Salem State Teachers College, the first African American institution in the nation to grant degrees for teaching elementary grades, in 1925. In 1969, Winston-Salem State University achieved university status and became one of the 16 constituent institutions of the University of North Carolina system in 1971;

**WHEREAS**, Winston-Salem State University's primary objective is to provide an environment conducive to the discovery and dissemination of knowledge, to the intellectual, cultural and ethical growth of the students, and to the professional development of the faculty;

**WHEREAS**, since 1935 the Winston-Salem State University National Alumni Association has been the conduit through which graduates and former students have served their University;

**WHEREAS**, the Pitt County Chapter of Winston-Salem State University was chartered on January 25, 1995 and serves as the liaison between the University and Alumni Association, and students and parents of the Pitt County area. The Chapter identifies and recruits outstanding students to attend Winston-Salem State University, and annually awards a \$500 Scholarship to Pitt County students who will attend the University;

**WHEREAS**, The Pitt County Chapter sponsors several recruitment activities including A Back To School Picnic for new and returning students, receptions, Christmas gatherings for current and future students, and visits to the University's campus;

**WHEREAS**, The Pitt County Chapter was recognized in 2007 as a Gold S.T.A.R. (Specially Trained Alumni Recruiter) Chapter and in 2008 as a Bronze S.T.A.R Chapter, and is a charter member of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) Coalition of Pitt County; and


**WHEREAS**, The Pitt County Chapter of the Winston-Salem State University National Alumni Association will host the annual Board of Directors meeting on January 16 - 17, 2009 at the City Hotel and Bistro in Greenville. The Chapter will welcome Dr. Donald J. Reaves, the Twelfth Chancellor and his wife, Dr. Deborah Ross Reaves on their first visit to our area;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim January 16 -17, 2009 as

**WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DAYS**

in Greenville.

This 6th day of January, 2009.

  
Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor