



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, our city and county joins the State and Nation in declaring May as Older Americans Month;

**WHEREAS**, this year marks the 44th Anniversary of the passage of the "Older Americans Act" by the United States Congress;

**WHEREAS**, Pitt County's aging population continues to grow, with the number of citizens age 60 and older projected to increase over the next 20 years from about 22,417 citizens age 60 and older today to more than 42,940 in 2029;

**WHEREAS**, this year's national theme for Older Americans Month, "*Living Today for a Better Tomorrow*" reflects our city's commitment to promoting personal lifestyles and community activities to help all persons enjoy better health as they age, avoid the risks of chronic disease, disability and injury, and remain active and civically engaged;

**WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility of all communities to work collaboratively to address older Americans' unique health and long-term care challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, it is crucial that communities modernize systems of care to help empower older Americans and give them more control over their own lives;


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

## **OLDER AMERICANS MONTH**

in Greenville and urge all citizens to take time this May to honor our seniors, family members, and providers of aging services and supports.

**FURTHER**, I urge citizens of all ages to exercise regularly, eat well, maintain a good weight, and remain active in the community; and urge all citizens and communities to work collaboratively as a community to strengthen our preparedness and response to the aging of our population. Today's efforts can make for a better tomorrow.

This 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009.

  
Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor