



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Aphasia is a communication impairment most often the result of a stroke, brain injury or neurological disorders;

WHEREAS, the effects of Aphasia may include a loss or reduction in ability to speak, comprehend, read, and write, while intelligence remains intact;

WHEREAS, there are about 750,000 strokes per year in the United States, with approximately one-third of these resulting in Aphasia;

WHEREAS, Aphasia affects at least 1,000,000 people in the United States and more than 200,000 Americans acquire the disorder each year;

WHEREAS, the National Aphasia Association's mission is to educate the public to know the word, "Aphasia" describes an impairment of the ability to communicate not an impairment of intellect;

WHEREAS, the National Aphasia Association advocates for people with Aphasia as they reclaim their quality of life and encourages the development and use of community supports; and

WHEREAS, the East Carolina University Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders sponsors an Aphasia Support Group open to the community for people with this impairment and their families;

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

APHASIA AWARENESS MONTH

in Greenville.

This 18th day of June, 2009.

Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor