



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, seniors of the United States are valued members of society and it is our collective responsibility to ensure they live safely and with dignity;

WHEREAS, abuse of older people is a tragedy inflicted on vulnerable seniors, and an ever-increasing problem in today's society that crosses all socio-economic boundaries;

WHEREAS, combating abuse of older people will help improve the quality of life for all seniors across this country and will allow our seniors to continue to live as independently as possible and contribute to the life and vibrancy of our city;

WHEREAS, seniors are guaranteed that they will be treated with respect and dignity to enable them to continue to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and important and active members of our communities;

WHEREAS, the well-being of seniors is in the interest of all and further adds to the well-being of communities;

WHEREAS, the Ombudsman program, a representative of Mid-East Commission Area Agency on Aging, serving older adults and their caregivers within the counties of Beaufort, Bertie, Hertford, Martin, and Pitt is uniting with the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA) by asking the public to celebrate the 4th Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. INPEA was founded in 1997 and is dedicated to global dissemination of information as part of its commitment to world-wide prevention of elder abuse; and

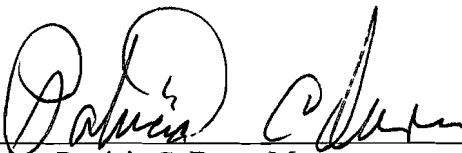
WHEREAS, these organizations along with other concerned groups, including the Pitt County Nursing Home/Adult Care Community Advisory Committee, are asking that we show the world that we care about ending elder abuse and neglect by wearing something purple on June 15, 2009;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2009 as

ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

in Greenville and urge all citizens to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our seniors and to commit to building safer communities for our elderly residents.

This 8th day of June, 2009.


Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor