



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA) advocates on behalf of all people living with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) in order to end the pandemic and human suffering caused by HIV and AIDS;

WHEREAS, the NAPWA was founded in Denver, Colorado in 1983 where the term “people with AIDS” (PWA) was adopted and the notion of referring to persons living with HIV and/or AIDS as victims or patients was rejected;

WHEREAS, in 1995 NAPWA launched the National HIV Testing Day Campaign, in recognition and alarm concerning the growing number of HIV infections in heavily impacted communities;

WHEREAS, National HIV Testing Day is a day for all Americans and those within its borders to take that essential step and seek out voluntary HIV testing and counseling to learn about their HIV status to take control of their lives and health;

WHEREAS, each year on June 27, the National Association of People with AIDS organizes National HIV Testing Day, in partnership with the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other national and local entities across the country; and

WHEREAS, this unique and effective program created by people living with HIV and AIDS sends the message to those at risk for acquiring HIV infection that there are compelling reasons for learning one’s HIV status;;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 27, 2009 as

HIV TESTING DAY

in Greenville.

This 9th day of June, 2009.

Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor