



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Congress and President of the United States have designated the week in which May 15 falls as “National Police Week” and May 15 as “Peace Officers’ Memorial Day”;

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression;

WHEREAS, as of December 31, 2008 a total of 132 law enforcement officers died in the line of duty nationwide. There have been 34 law enforcement line of duty deaths for 2009 thus far. There have been 11 Pitt County law enforcement officers who have been killed in the line of duty since 1899;

WHEREAS, Pitt County, Greenville, and the other municipalities within Pitt County desire to honor the valor, service and dedication of their own law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, our community joins with other cities and towns to honor all peace officers everywhere;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of May 10-16, 2009, as

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WEEK


in Greenville and call upon all of our citizens in this community to especially honor and show our sincere appreciation for the law enforcement officers of this community by deed, remark and attitude as their thanks to our men and women who make it possible for us to leave our homes and families in safety each day and to return to our homes knowing that they are protected by men and women willing to sacrifice their lives if necessary, to guard our loved ones, property and government against all who would violate the law.

FURTHER, I proclaim May 7, 2009 as

PITT COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL DAY

in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

This 7th day of May, 2009.


Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor