



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Civil Rights Movement fought to eliminate racial discrimination and segregation;

WHEREAS, non-violent protests and acts of civil disobedience both produced legislative acts that ameliorated conditions for minorities;

WHEREAS, the brave citizens of all races that worked together for the common good were met with violence and hatred;

WHEREAS, the unsung heroes of the Civil Rights Movement were children;

WHEREAS, on Sunday, September 15, 1963 at 10:22 a.m. the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama was bombed killing fourteen year-old Carole Robertson and three other children;

WHEREAS, her death was one of many that helped speed the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act which made racial discrimination illegal and required employers to provide equal opportunity employment;

WHEREAS, Carole Robertson was a lifetime member of Jack and Jill of America, of which the Family Alliance of Eastern North Carolina is a provisional group, that remembers her sacrifices and those of all of the children who participated in the Civil Rights Movement; and

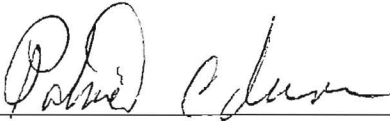
WHEREAS, Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated was founded in 1938 and is an African-American organization of mothers who nurture future leaders by strengthening children ages 2-19 through chapter programming, community service, legislative advocacy and philanthropic giving. They believe every child, with proper guidance and opportunity can be a leader;

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

CAROLE ROBERTSON DAY

in Greenville, North Carolina.

This 9th day of September, 2009.



Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor