



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Hispanic community makes significant contributions to our communities and to local and state labor forces, and represents a substantial share of the workforce and taxpayers;

WHEREAS, 22,000 live Hispanic births were recorded in North Carolina in 2008;

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, 4.5% of Pitt County's population is of Hispanic origin;

WHEREAS, the predominantly Hispanic agricultural workforce in and around Pitt County contributes to the 66 billion dollar economic impact in North Carolina;

WHEREAS, Pitt County is home to an increasing number of Hispanic professionals in education, health care, business, and other fields;

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month, since its inception in 1968 by Presidential Proclamation, has honored the diversity, contributions, and dedication of Hispanics as an integral part of the fabric of our nation;

WHEREAS, the contribution of Hispanics in our armed forces during this time of war are duly noted and deeply appreciated; and

WHEREAS, Pitt County proudly celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month and I urge all residents to take advantage of the many opportunities for cultural growth available during this time;

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

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

in Greenville and urge all citizens to recognize its observance.

This 21st day of September, 2009.

Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor