



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, play is an essential component in the healthy development of all children; and

WHEREAS, healthy, happy and physically fit children are apt to become socially competent and productive adults; and

WHEREAS, the rate of childhood obesity is growing dramatically in North Carolina and across the nation, in large part due to a lack of physical activity;

WHEREAS, the City of Greenville acknowledges that children are our most valuable resource, and that we must promote and ensure safe and accessible playspaces for all of Greenville's children;

WHEREAS, through community support and the leadership of our Recreation and Parks Department, we will recognize, outreach and educate our community on the importance of play and celebrate its status as a priority for our city and its residents;

WHEREAS, this city's Play Committee has been established to oversee action for play and ensure annual recognition as a Playful City USA community, and will promote this effort with the support of the Mayor and City Council of Greenville, North Carolina;

WHEREAS, a "Play Day" in Greenville is being officially established to encourage all citizens to rally for a diversity of convenient opportunities for free, unstructured play for all children in this community; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Play Committee encourage all citizens to participate in Play Day and learn more about the importance of play in the lives of children;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the first ever observance of the City of Greenville's Annual Play Day on September 19, 2009 as

PLAY DAY

in Greenville.

This 1st day of May, 2009.

Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor