



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, serious mental illnesses such as major depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, obsessive-compulsive disorder, severe anxiety disorders, borderline personality disorder, and post-traumatic stress disorders affect one in every four people annually;

**WHEREAS**, serious mental illnesses are more common than cancer, diabetes and heart disease and are the number one reason for hospital admissions nationwide;

**WHEREAS**, serious mental illnesses have been scientifically proven to be highly treatable illnesses of the brain;

**WHEREAS**, scientific research is producing tremendous breakthroughs in the understanding of mental illnesses, resulting in more effective treatments that allow people to reclaim full and productive lives;

**WHEREAS**, National Mental Illness Awareness Week has been observed the first week of October since 1983 to raise awareness and understanding of mental illness; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Pitt County Kickoff Ceremony will be held Sunday, October 4, at 2:30 p.m. at Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church. In addition, a NAMI informational display booth will be available at the Greenville Mall - Center Court, Saturday, October 10, 2009, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 4 - October 10, 2009 as

## **MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK**

in Greenville.

This 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2009.

  
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Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor