

WHEREAS, Pitt County Memorial Hospital Cancer Services, provides comprehensive care to the people of eastern North Carolina by fulfilling its mission which is to "improve cancer prevention, detection, and treatment for the people of Eastern North Carolina through enhanced patient care, teaching and research";

WHEREAS, Cancer Services and the Brody School of Medicine Department of Surgery and the Department of Endocrinology at East Carolina University are working within the community to emphasize the need for thyroid cancer awareness by declaring the month of October as Thyroid Cancer Awareness Month;

WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society, an estimated 37,200 new cases of thyroid cancer are expected to occur in 2009 in the United States, and an estimated 1,630 deaths are anticipated in 2009; and

WHEREAS, early detection of thyroid cancer can save lives and increases treatment options;

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

THYROID CANCER MONTH

in Greenville and urge all citizens to recognize its observance.

This 24th day of September, 2009.

Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor