

*WHEREAS*, the North Carolina League of Municipalities (NCLM) is a nonpartisan association of more than 540 cities, towns and villages in North Carolina. The League's mission is to enhance the quality of life in municipalities through excellent municipal governance;

*WHEREAS*, the NCLM is a 101 year old organization originally founded in Charlotte, North Carolina in 1908 as the Carolina Municipal Association;

WHEREAS, the City of Greenville is one of the 22 cities which are considered as "founding" members of this organization. Two of Greenville's Mayors, the late Mayors D. M. Clark (1923-1926) and Nancy Jenkins (1993-1994), served as presidents of the North Carolina League of Municipalities;

WHEREAS, on October 24-27, 2009, the City of Greenville is honored to be hosting the first conference of the NCLM's second century. Approximately 150-200 volunteers and many sponsors will assist the League and City of Greenville in "Wheeling Into The Next Century";

*WHEREAS*, this conference provides an opportunity to showcase Pitt County and the Eastern North Carolina region to approximately 700-900 delegates from the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, as host of the 2009 NCLM Annual Conference, activities have been scheduled including pre-conference activities on Saturday, October 24 (NCLM's 5<sup>th</sup> Youth Summit and 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament benefit, and an eight-hour workshop by the President of Leading & Governing Associates, Inc., Phil Boyle, Ph.D., about making the right decisions as governing boards). The conference activities includes exhibits from vendors; the League's annual business meeting and affiliate organizations and constituency group meetings; a keynote address on the economic impact of North Carolina cities and towns by the distinguished Professor of Management at UNC-Chapel Hill, Dr. James H. Johnson, Jr.; closing address by one of the nation's leading historians and authors, Dr. Douglas Brinkley; mobile workshops illustrating successful public/private partnerships and how ecotourism can link with development; and workshop sessions on big ideas for small town development, a proven way to shut down overt illegal drug markets, transportation in the 21st century, personnel issues, creating sustainable jobs and more;

*NOW, THEREFORE, I*, Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 24-27, 2009 as

NCLM CONFERENCE 2009 "WHEELING INTO THE NEXT CENTURY" DAYS

in Greenville.

This 28th day of September, 2009.

Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor