



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, hospice care is the most humane tradition of health service delivery in the United States, providing 24-hour palliative medical care as well as social, emotional, and spiritual services for the terminally ill, as well as support for the family;

WHEREAS, hospice care helps patients live fully during their final days by enabling them to remain in the comfort and security of home or home-like settings while alleviating the fears associated with terminal illness such as dying in pain, alone, and as a burden to the family;

WHEREAS, more than 39,000 full-time professionals and 100,000 volunteers in association with an estimated 3,000 hospices work together to serve more than 390,000 individuals throughout the nation;

WHEREAS, these dedicated men and women form a valuable network of end-of-life support in our nation's vast health care system and are deserving of special honor and appreciation for their many contributions; and

WHEREAS, an increase in public awareness and understanding of hospice care will better serve the families who are faced with a terminal illness in our community and help ensure that hospice services are a guaranteed benefit for all citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the month of November, 2009 as

HOSPICE MONTH

in Greenville.

This 9th day of November, 2009.

Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor