



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, since 1881, the American Red Cross has helped millions who have entered its doors seeking shelter, financial assistance, training, and most importantly, compassion; and

WHEREAS, thousands of lives in Pitt County have been touched by the American Red Cross. Every day, the American Red Cross provides emergency services and humanitarian relief to Greenville, Pitt County and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, when disaster strikes, the Red Cross is there to help families rebuild their lives. Whether it's a hurricane affecting thousands or a fire affecting one family, Red Cross volunteers respond immediately to bring hope and help our neighbors in need. Last year, families that were affected by disasters in Pitt County received financial assistance for food, rent, clothing, medications, and other essential items; and

WHEREAS, when members of the armed forces serve our country, the American Red Cross stands beside them, keeping families in touch when a loved one is ill or a child is born; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 23 Americans have received Red Cross training in first aid, life guarding, swimming, CPR, HIV/AIDS education or health care. When someone starts to choke, collapses from a heart attack, or is drowning in a swimming pool, the chances are better than ever that a Red Cross trained volunteer is nearby to save or stabilize the victim's life until professional rescuers arrive; and

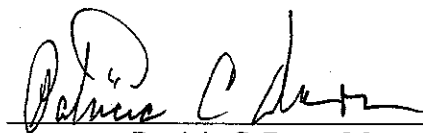
WHEREAS, every two seconds someone in the United States needs blood; the American Red Cross provides over one-half of this nation's life saving blood products to patients in need every day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2008 as

**AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH
AND KICK OFF FOR THE HERO CAMPAIGN**

in the City of Greenville, North Carolina in recognition of the many trained volunteers who make the American Red Cross a vital resource in Greenville and the foremost volunteer emergency organization. Further, I call upon all citizens to actively encourage the support and participation of friends, neighbors, colleagues, and fellow citizens in associated Red Cross activities and programs now and throughout the year. In doing so, we will ensure that the American Red Cross will continue its tradition of compassionate service in the 21st century and beyond. Especially during these trying times for our country, I request that each member of our community support the Pitt County Chapter's noble humanitarian mission with a gift of time, blood or money. Be a Hero for the American Red Cross, and together we can save lives and make our world a safer, better place.

This 28th day of February, 2008.



Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor