



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a chronic and disabling disease of the central nervous system in which the progression, severity and specific symptoms cannot be foreseen; and

WHEREAS, Multiple Sclerosis affects more than 10,000 people throughout North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, North Carolinians raised more than \$8.5 million in 2007 to help find a cure and develop effective treatments for Multiple Sclerosis. North Carolina is one of the leading fronts in the effort to find a cure for MS. Over the past 15 years, more than \$8 million has been granted to North Carolina's universities for MS-related research; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern North Carolina Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society assists over 4,300 annually including people with MS, families, employers, and caregivers by providing emergency care, wellness programs and advocacy efforts through 49 counties; and

WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is committed to ensuring that people with MS have access to the information and quality care they need to live healthy productive and independent lives; and

WHEREAS, citizens of the City of Greenville should encourage anyone in our community who has Multiple Sclerosis, or who has a family member with Multiple Sclerosis, to learn more about the resources, programs, information and support available through the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and other similar agencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of March 10 - 17, 2008 as

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK

in the City of Greenville.

This 6th day of February, 2008.

Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor