



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Parkinson's Disease is a progressive neurological disorder that affects people of all ages with the average age of onset being 60, while 15 per cent are diagnosed before age 50; and

WHEREAS, more individuals suffer from Parkinson's Disease than Multiple Sclerosis, Muscular Dystrophy and Lou Gehrig's Disease combined, yet the cause(s), prevention(s) or cure(s) of Parkinson's Disease are still not known; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of Parkinson's Disease – tremor, rigidity, slowness, poor movement, and difficulty with balance and speaking are often mistaken for other conditions, especially in the younger adult or as a normal part of the aging process; and

WHEREAS, anti-parkinsonian drugs can only control some of the symptoms of Parkinson's Disease for a short period of time, and in many cases cause disabling side effects and surgical procedures likewise offer only temporary lessening of certain symptoms and are not a substitute for drugs; and

WHEREAS, increased education and research are needed to help find more effective treatments and ultimately a cure for Parkinson's Disease, and to provide more effective support programs and services to Parkinson's Disease patients, their caregivers and families; and

WHEREAS, national, regional and local Parkinson Associations such as The Eastern North Carolina Parkinson Support Group will serve as a resource and support for individuals and families who are affected by Parkinson's Disease;

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

PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH

in Greenville and commend its observance to all citizens.

This 28th day of March, 2008.

Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor