



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Greenville and Pitt County are home to over 400 federally licensed amateur radio operators, also known as "hams" according to the Federal Communications Commission; and

WHEREAS, December of 2006 marked the 100th anniversary of the first successful broadcast ever of the human voice by an amateur radio operator who conducted his earlier tests on North Carolina's Outer Banks; and

WHEREAS, for the past century amateur radio operators have experimented with and perfected technologies that we all enjoy today, such as television, high fidelity FM, cellular telephones and VOIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol); and

WHEREAS, amateur radio operators have a proud tradition of public service and have provided emergency communications following numerous hurricanes, floods, tornadoes and storms in Greenville and Pitt County; and

WHEREAS, amateur radio was formally inducted into the U.S. Citizen Corps of the Department of Homeland Security because of its value in disaster operations, and all municipal emergency management organizations are now mandated by the federal government to include amateur radio in their emergency communications planning; and

WHEREAS, June 28th and 29th mark the 76th Annual Field Day, an event in which amateur radio operators around the world test their equipment simultaneously under emergency conditions; and


WHEREAS, all residents of Greenville and Pitt County have benefited from this dedicated corps of volunteer communications professionals;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 23-29, 2008 as

AMATEUR RADIO RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION WEEK

in the City of Greenville, and I call upon all citizens to pay tribute to the amateur radio operators of our community.

This 23rd day of June, 2008.



Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor