



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the Hispanic community makes significant contributions to local and state labor forces, our communities, and represents a considerable share of the workforce and taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS**, 22,000 live Hispanic births were recorded in North Carolina in 2007. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 2.8 % of Greenville and 4.5% of Pitt County's population is of Hispanic origin; and

**WHEREAS**, the predominantly Hispanic agricultural workforce in and around Pitt County contributes to the \$66 billion economic impact in North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, Greenville and Pitt County is home to an increasing number of Hispanic professionals from education to health and business; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic Heritage Month, since its inception in 1968 by Presidential Proclamation, has honored the diversity, contributions, and dedication of Hispanics as an integral part of the fabric of our nation. The contribution of Hispanics in our armed forces during this time of war are duly noted and deeply appreciated;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proudly proclaim September 15 through October 15, 2008 as

## **HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

in Greenville, and I urge all residents to take advantage of the many opportunities for cultural growth available during this time.

This 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor