



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Koinonia Christian Center Church was founded by Bishop Rosie S. O'neal in 1989 with seven members. The church is currently located at 1405 SW Greenville Boulevard with a complex on 16 acres and a sanctuary that seats a maximum capacity of 1,000 parishioners; and

WHEREAS, Koinonia Christian Center Church has been an invaluable member of the City of Greenville and serves its membership, our community and the Eastern region of North Carolina on multiple levels and supports various causes affecting the community; and

WHEREAS, Koinonia Christian Center Church's Shelter and 11th Hour Elderly ministries; 2007 Walk for Lupus; annual Harvest Fest that attracts over 5,000 children, parents and teens; and "GED and Beyond" program that is done in collaboration with Pitt Community College are only to name a few of the ministries, outreach programs, and youth activities offered by the Church that tremendously benefit our community; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Rosie S. O'neal and the Koinonia Christian Center Church will host a 5k (3.1 mile) run/walk and 1 mile fun Walk for Sickle Cell; and

WHEREAS, Sickle Cell Anemia is a genetically inherited disorder that affects the ability of red blood cells to carry oxygen to various parts of the body which causes fatigue, susceptibility to infection and painful episodes or crisis, which can occur in different parts of the body including the lungs, brain and kidneys. In the United States alone, at least 70,000 people are affected by this disease. About two million Americans have Sickle Cell Trait and approximately 500 people die of the disease each year. More than 4,000 people in North Carolina are affected by Sickle Cell according to the Department of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, the Koinonia Christian Center Church's Walk For Sickle Cell will focus to raise awareness about the disease, educate the community and provide financial support to both the North Carolina Sickle Cell Foundation and East Carolina University's Camp Hope, a week-long summer camp for children affected by Sickle Cell; and

WHEREAS, the Koinonia Christian Center Church's Walk For Sickle Cell will be held on July 12, 2008 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at The Greenville Hilton, Greenville Boulevard, and will show support to those in the Sickle Cell Community and their Assistant Pastor, Reverend Anthony Hutchins;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 12, 2008 as

KOINONIA CHRISTIAN CENTER CHURCH'S WALK FOR SICKLE CELL DAY

in Greenville and encourage all citizens to support this worthy and important cause.

This 18th day of June, 2008.

Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor