



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, November is National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month and National Family Caregivers Month; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease and related disorders are progressively disabling neurological diseases that destroy lives of victims as well as their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 75,000 Eastern North Carolina residents suffer from Alzheimer's disease, causing emotional, physical, medical and financial stress on patients and families, requiring 24-hour personal care; and

WHEREAS, ten million United States baby boomers will develop Alzheimer's disease in their lifetime. Alzheimer's costs Americans more than \$148 billion annually and affects an estimated 5.2 million Americans, someone is diagnosed with the disease every 71 seconds. In 2007, 9.8 million family and unpaid caregivers of people with Alzheimer's and other dementias provided 8.4 billion hours of care; and

WHEREAS, while Alzheimer's disease is the fifth most common cause of death in the United States, for persons 65 years and older, federal government research funding for a cure ranks 18th; and

WHEREAS, although advancements have been made recently, continued involvement of health care professionals and government officials will result in further medical progress and patient care improvement; and

WHEREAS, The Benevolence Corps will host a "Candlelight Reflections" service to honor and remember those affected by Alzheimer's disease from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on November 6, 2008 at City Hall, in the First Floor Lobby. Mary Hall, Senior Services Program Specialist at Pitt County Memorial Hospital, will be the speaker.

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

**ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH
AND
FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH**

in Greenville and urge all citizens to participate.

This 6th day of November, 2008.

Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor