



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the first major effort to promote awareness of the need for adoptive families for children in the foster care system occurred in 1976, when Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis issued the first state Adoption Week proclamation. President Gerald Ford made the first National Adoption Week proclamation, and in 1990, the week was expanded to a month due to the number of states participating and the number of events; and

WHEREAS, in North Carolina, over 3,000 children are awaiting adoption and another 10,000 children are living in foster care. Many of them have spent most of their lives in this temporary situation, and have moved within the child welfare system several times; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, Dave Thomas, the founder of Wendy's — the famous fast food restaurant chain, established the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption. He joined his family through adoption when he was six years old; and

WHEREAS, the vision for the Foundation is that every child deserves a permanent home and a loving family. The Foundation increases adoption awareness while supporting model adoption services programs; and

WHEREAS, The Children's Home Society of North Carolina, Carried In My Heart Enterprises, and Wendy's are teaming up to host a National Adoption Day Celebration on Thursday, November 20, 2008, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., at Wendy's, 604 SW Greenville Boulevard;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 20, 2008 as

ADOPTION AWARENESS DAY

FURTHER, I hereby proclaim November as

ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

in Greenville and urge all citizens to recognize and participate in this worthy observance.

This 14th day of November, 2008

Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor