



Office of the Mayor  
City of Greenville

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a chronic and disabling disease of the central nervous system in which the progression, severity and specific symptoms cannot be foreseen; and

**WHEREAS**, MS affects more than 10,000 people throughout North Carolina and every hour of every day someone new is diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, a disease that can erode a person's abilities and hopes, halt a career and unravel the fabric of families; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, North Carolinians raised more than \$8 million in 2006 to help find a cure and develop effective treatment for MS. Over the past 15 years, more than \$6.3 million has been granted to North Carolina's universities for MS related research; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eastern North Carolina Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society assists over 4,000 with MS, their families, caregivers and health care professionals by providing emergency care, wellness programs and advocacy efforts through 49 counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is committed to ensuring that people with MS have access to the information and quality care they need to live healthy productive and independent lives; and

**WHEREAS**, studies show that early and ongoing treatment with a Food and Drug Administration approved therapy can reduce future disease activity and improve quality of life for many people with MS; and

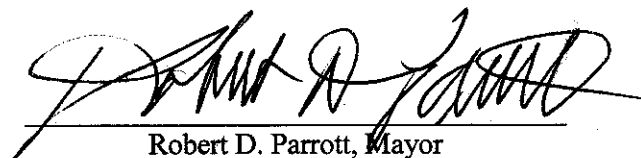
**WHEREAS**, citizens of the City of Greenville should encourage anyone in our community who has Multiple Sclerosis, or who has a family member with Multiple Sclerosis, to learn more about the resources, programs, information and support available through the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and other similar agencies;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Robert D. Parrott, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of March 5 - 11, 2007 as

## **MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK**

in the City of Greenville.

This 22nd day of February, 2007.



Robert D. Parrott, Mayor