



Office of the Mayor
City of Greenville

Proclamation

WHEREAS, it is estimated that one million to three million older Americans are victims of abuse; and

WHEREAS, 30% of persons 65 and older and 50% of those 80 and over living independently fall each year, and

WHEREAS, older adults – those over 65 – represent one of the highest fire risk groups in the United States, and

WHEREAS, the elderly are the second most likely group to be accidentally poisoned and are one of the groups most at risk for carbon monoxide poisoning. In addition, susceptibility to food borne illness increases with age; and

WHEREAS, the number of Americans aged 70 and older who were killed in traffic crashes increased by 27 percent between 1991 and 2001. They are one of two groups most at risk of being killed or injured in pedestrian accidents. The ability to distinguish colors may diminish with age. Resulting color vision confusion can cause safety problems with every day activities in both the home and community; and

WHEREAS, when elderly people are victimized by crime, they usually suffer greater physical, mental and financial injuries than other age groups. Traumatic brain injury is a major public health problem among elderly people of both sexes 75 years and older, and

WHEREAS, the number of older adults diagnosed with HIV/AIDS is increasing; and

WHEREAS, older Americans' lives are disproportionately likely to expire by suicide;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert D Parrott, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 6, 2006 as

SENIOR SAFETY DAY

in Greenville, North Carolina and urge all citizens to recognize and support the needs and safety of the elderly in our community

This 31st day of March, 2006

A handwritten signature of Robert D. Parrott in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Robert D Parrott, Mayor