



Office of the Mayor
City of Greenville

Proclamation

WHEREAS, every 45 seconds someone in the United States experiences a stroke, and

WHEREAS, stroke, or brain attack, is the third leading cause of death in America, killing 160,000 people annually; and

WHEREAS, stroke is a leading cause of adult disability. There are more than five million stroke survivors in the United States, with two-thirds living with moderate to severe disabilities, and

WHEREAS, Greenville, NC is in one the most severely affected areas by stroke, and

WHEREAS, the U S. spends more than \$57 9 billion in direct and indirect costs on stroke, and

WHEREAS, more than one-third of Americans cannot identify a single warning sign of stroke which includes sudden trouble talking, walking, seeing, paralysis usually on one side of the body and sudden severe headache with no know cause, and

WHEREAS, if any of the above symptoms occur it is important to call 911 immediately; and

WHEREAS, more than a half a million strokes can be prevented a year, yet many Americans don't discuss their stroke risks with their primary health care providers; and

WHEREAS, public awareness of the risks and warning signs of a stroke is essential to prevention and early treatment, and

WHEREAS, emergency treatment of stroke can save lives, reduce disability and even possibly reverse all impacts from the stroke, and

WHEREAS, the National Stroke Association and the American Stroke Association celebrates National Stroke Awareness Month in May and urge people to take charge of their health by asking their doctors about stroke risks and adopting healthy lifestyle habits to lower their risk,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert D Parrott, Mayor of the City of the Greenville, NC, do hereby proclaim May as

STROKE AWARENESS MONTH

in Greenville, NC and encourage all citizens to ask their doctors about stroke prevention and the warning signs of stroke.

This 26th day of April, 2006



Robert D Parrott, Mayor