

Office of the Mayor City of Greenville

## Proclamation

WHEREAS, substance use disorders are a serious and treatable health problem, and as many as 74 percent of Americans say that addiction to alcohol or other drugs has had an impact on them at some point in their lives, whether it was the addiction of a friend or family member or another experience, such as their own personal addiction, and

WHEREAS, assessing our citizens' needs for addiction treatment and referring them to appropriate treatment—and their family members to support services—is a crucial first step in helping people realize that recovery is possible and treatment is effective; and

WHEREAS, in Greenville there are located programs for substance abuse detoxification, outpatient and rehabilitation treatment as well as a number of AA and NA groups and recovery homes. Our community salutes those in our neighborhoods who are in recovery and the counseling and program staff who brought them out of the darkness, and

WHEREAS, celebrating individuals in recovery and their families, and saluting the health care providers who helped them obtain treatment, educates our community about the benefits of treatment and affirms that such providers deserve adequate compensation for their services, and

WHEREAS, to help achieve this goal, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration within the U S Department of Health and Human Services, Office of National Drug Control Policy; City of Greenville, and Eastern North Carolina Council on Substance Abuse welcome the citizens participation in Recovery Month,

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

## ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH

in Greenville and call upon the citizens of Greenville to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies supporting this year's theme, "Join the Voices for Recovery: Build a Stronger, Healthier Community."

This 31st day of August, 2006