



Office of the Mayor
City of Greenville

Proclamation

WHEREAS, breastfeeding is recognized as an unequalled means of providing food for infants, and

WHEREAS, research indicates that breastfeeding impacts the growth, development, and well-being of the infant by providing nutrition, protection against infections, as well as forming an emotional bond between mother and baby, and

WHEREAS, breastfeeding throughout the child's first year of life and beyond, with the appropriate introduction of complementary foods around the middle of the first year, is acknowledged as an important aspect of primary health care, and

WHEREAS, government and community organizations have a vested interest in protecting and promoting breastfeeding as a means of preventing infant malnutrition, morbidity and mortality, and

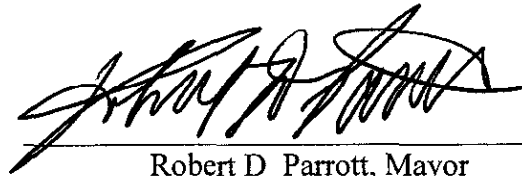
WHEREAS, International Board Certified Lactation Consultants and other breastfeeding counselors and educators have an important role in assisting breastfeeding mothers with sustaining lactation, and

WHEREAS, World Breastfeeding Week reminds us that support networks that encourage and promote breastfeeding should be fostered in all communities with the theme for 2006, "Code Watch 25 Years of Protecting Breastfeeding",

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert D Parrott, Mayor of Greenville, do hereby proclaim August 2006 as

BREASTFEEDING MONTH

This 25th day of July, 2006


Robert D Parrott, Mayor