

Office of the Mayor City of Greenville

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease and related disorders are progressively disabling neurological diseases that destroy lives of victims as well as their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, over 150,000 North Carolina residents suffer from Alzheimer's disease, causing emotional, physical, medical and financial stress on patient and families, requiring 24-hour personal care; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's costs Americans more than \$100 billion annually and affects over 4 million Americans including President Ronald Reagan; and

WHEREAS, while Alzheimer's disease is the fourth most common cause of death in the United States for persons 60 years and older, federal government research funding for a cure ranks 18th; and

WHEREAS, although advancements have been made recently, continued involvement of health care professionals and government officials will result in further medical progress and patient care improvement.

NOW, *THEREFORE*, , I, Robert D. Parrott, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina do hereby proclaim October 7, 2006 as

ANNUAL MEMORY WALK DAY

in Greenville and urge all citizens to participate in or contribute to this worthwhile cause.

This 6th day of October, 2006.

Parrott, Mayor