



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a chronic and disabling disease of the central nervous system in which the progression, severity and specific symptoms cannot be foreseen;

WHEREAS, Multiple Sclerosis affects more than 10,000 people throughout North Carolina, more than 400,000 in the United States and 2.5 million worldwide. Every hour in the United States, someone is newly diagnosed with MS. It is the number one disabling disease among young adults, striking them in the prime of their life;

WHEREAS, in 2007 the National Multiple Sclerosis Society invested more than \$46 million to support 440 research projects around the world. North Carolinians raised more than \$8.5 million in 2007 to help find a cure and develop effective treatments for Multiple Sclerosis;

WHEREAS, the Eastern North Carolina Chapter and 50-state network of chapters devote approximately \$125 million annually to programs and services that enhance more than one million lives to move us closer to a world free of Multiple Sclerosis;

WHEREAS, the Eastern North Carolina Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society assists over 4,600 individuals affected by MS helping each person to address the challenges of living with MS; and

WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is committed to ensuring that people with MS have access to the information and quality care they need to live healthy productive and independent lives; and

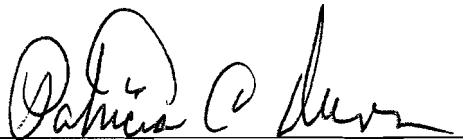
WHEREAS, citizens of the City of Greenville should encourage anyone in our community who has Multiple Sclerosis, or who has a family member with Multiple Sclerosis, to learn more about the resources, programs, information and support available through the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and other similar agencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of March 2-8, 2009 as

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK

in the City of Greenville.

This 23rd day of February, 2009.



Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor