



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the history and culture of our great nation have been significantly influenced by American Indians and indigenous peoples;

**WHEREAS**, the contributions of American Indians have enhanced the freedom, prosperity, and greatness of America today;

**WHEREAS**, their customs and traditions are respected and celebrated as part of a rich legacy throughout the United States;

**WHEREAS**, Native American Awareness Week began in 1976 and recognition was expanded by Congress and approved by President George Bush in August 1990, designating the month of November as National American Indian Heritage Month; and

**WHEREAS**, in honor of National American Indian Heritage Month, community celebrations as well as numerous cultural, artistic, educational and historical activities have been planned;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November, 2009 as

## **AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH**

in Greenville and urge all citizens to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

This 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2009

Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor