



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the annual distribution of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of the United States has been officially recognized and endorsed by governmental leaders since 1922;

**WHEREAS**, VFW Buddy Poppies are assembled by disabled veterans, and the proceeds of this worthy fund-raising campaign are used exclusively for the benefit of disabled and needy veterans, and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans;

**WHEREAS**, the basic purpose of the annual distribution of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars is eloquently reflected in the desire to "Honor the Dead by Helping the Living"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary will be distributing Buddy Poppies on November 6 and 7 in Greenville;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby urge the citizens of this community to recognize the merits of this cause by contributing generously to its support through your donations for Buddy Poppies on the days set aside for the distribution of these symbols of appreciation for the sacrifices of our honored dead.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I further urge all patriotic citizens to wear a Buddy Poppy as mute evidence of our gratitude to the men of this country who have risked their lives in defense of the freedoms which we continue to enjoy as American citizens.

This 29th day of October, 2009

Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor