



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, on February 23, 1905, Rotary was founded in Chicago as a service club by Paul Harris and three business colleagues, and today there are more than 1.2 million members internationally in more than 32,000 clubs in 200 countries and geographic areas; and

**WHEREAS**, in December, 1919, the first Rotary club in Greenville was formed for the purpose of joining professionals in fellowship and service to the community, and today there are three Rotary Clubs in Greenville—the Greenville Rotary Club, the Greenville Noon Rotary Club, and the Greenville Morning Rotary Club; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greenville Rotary building was erected in 1920 and is the first Rotary owned building in the world built for the sole purpose of Rotary club activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self," and the Four Way Test are the founding and operating principles of Rotary, which guide the actions of Rotarians every day; and

**WHEREAS**, Rotary embraces high ethical standards, the promotion of service in one's profession and personal life, and the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through world fellowship; and

**WHEREAS**, Rotary and the three Rotary Clubs in Greenville have sponsored service projects to address such critical issues as poverty, health, hunger, illiteracy, and the environment in the local community and abroad;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 23, 2008 as

## **ROTARY DAY**

in Greenville in honor of more than 100 years of service to local communities throughout the world by Rotary and further do recognize and commend the three Rotary Clubs in Greenville and their members for their many and varied contributions to the community throughout the years.

This 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008.

Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor