



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, National Days of Prayer have been a part of our country's heritage since they were declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775;

WHEREAS, in 1952, Congress established an annual day of prayer, and, in 1988, that law was amended, designating the National Day of Prayer as the first Thursday in May;

WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer will be held May 1, 2014, in observance of the 63rd annual National Day of Prayer;

WHEREAS, leaders of our nation have relied upon the power of prayer throughout American history;

WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer is an opportunity for all people of all faiths to unite in prayer for our city, state, Nation and all mankind; and


WHEREAS, this year's National Day of Prayer theme is **ONE VOICE, UNITED IN PRAYER**, which is based on Romans 15:6: "So that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Allen M. Thomas, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2014, as

A DAY OF PRAYER

in Greenville and encourage citizens to join in prayer, asking that the minds and hearts of our people and our leaders be illuminated, so that we may meet the challenges that lie before us with courage, wisdom and justice.

This 1st day of May, 2014.



Allen M. Thomas, Mayor



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WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees;

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska;

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife;

WHEREAS, trees are renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Allen M. Thomas, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2014, as

ARBOR DAY

in the City of Greenville and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.

This 30th day of April, 2014.

Allen M. Thomas, Mayor