

WHEREAS, the first National Night Out took place on August 7, 1984 and 2.5 million citizens in 23 states participated;

WHEREAS, National Night Out now involves over 37.8 million people in 16,242 communities from all fifty states, U.S. Territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide;

WHEREAS, the objective of the event is to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for and participation in local anti-crime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back;

WHEREAS, "National Night Out" provides an opportunity for Greenville to join communities across the country in support of safer neighborhoods and to demonstrate the success of cooperative crime prevention efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Allen M. Thomas, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina do proclaim August 5, 2014 as

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

in the City of Greenville.

This 29th day of July, 2014.

Allen M. Thomas, Mayor