

WHEREAS; with an estimated count of 45-60 million military and civilian deaths, World War II was the most widespread and violent armed conflict in the history of mankind;

WHEREAS, many of our great nation's brave and true heeded the call to defend and preserve our freedom from the threat of despotism and fascism;

WHEREAS, sailors, soldiers, and airmen from the United States and its allies united together as brothers and sisters in arms and endured fierce battles and harsh conditions for six years from 1939 - 1945 in locations that spanned over six continents and all oceans;

WHEREAS, our country and the free world will forever feel a debt of gratitude to the generation that served during this pivotal war;

WHEREAS, the City of Greenville is proud to honor the World War II Veterans;

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

WORLD WAR II VETERANS APPRECIATION MONTH

in the City of Greenville, North Carolina. Furthermore, I call upon all residents and businesses in Greenville to join in honoring these distinguished members of our community.

This 12th day of June, 2014.

Allen M. Thomas, Mayor