

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

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WHEREAS, each year from the 15th of September to the 15th of October, National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated throughout the United States;

WHEREAS, Hispanics comprise more than 8.4% of the population of the State of North Carolina, and have both an integral and necessary community in our state;

WHEREAS, the state of North Carolina has experienced an increase in Hispanic population by 111.1% between 2000 and 2010, the sixth largest increase in Latino population among all 50 U.S. states;

WHEREAS, the City of Greenville represents an economic and cultural hub for eastern North Carolina, a region heavily influenced by the Hispanic population;

WHEREAS, the City of Greenville openly welcomes and supports its distinct cultural diversity;

WHEREAS, we are further inspired by the economic, social and cultural contributions of the Hispanic community within Greenville and Pitt County;

WHEREAS, we understand that although this national recognition lasts each year for one month, we work endlessly to create a more socially-inclusive and diverse society with equal for all populations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Allen M. Thomas, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina do hereby proclaim the 15^{th} of September – 15^{th} October

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

in Greenville and extend best wishes to all of our communities as they hold appropriate ceremonies to commemorate this observance.

This 15th day of September, 2014.

Allen M. Thomas, Mayor