



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, East Carolina University (ECU) established basketball as its first intercollegiate sport in the year 1931;

WHEREAS, the ECU men's basketball team broke many school records with its 2012 – 2013 season, including the first-ever winning record during the regular season of the Conference USA competition, first 20-win season since 1954, best season as a Division 1 school, and highest three-season victory total;

WHEREAS, the Pirates' impressive season resulted in an invitation to compete in the 2013 CollegeInsider.com Tournament (CIT);

WHEREAS, the Pirates' winning season and CIT invitation sparked a fervor on the campus and within the community, resulting in great enthusiasm and record crowds of support;

WHEREAS, the Pirates succeeded in going all the way to the CIT Championship game – making it the first time in school history that ECU has ever played in a Division 1 post-season championship; and

WHEREAS, the Pirates' thrilling 77 – 74 victory in the last seconds of the CIT Championship game against Utah's Weber State marked ECU's first-ever Division 1 tournament post-season championship.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Allen M. Thomas, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 12, 2013, as

EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY PIRATES MEN'S BASKETBALL DAY

in Greenville in acknowledgement of the 2013 CIT Championship Team and the positive recognition that they have brought to our community.

This 11th day of April, 2013.

Allen M. Thomas, Mayor