



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, every child in Greenville has the right to the highest-quality schools possible;

**WHEREAS**, education is critically important to the health and economic vitality of Greenville and plays a significant role in a family's choice of where to live;

**WHEREAS**, citizens across Greenville agree that improving the quality of education in Greenville, particularly for neediest children, and expanding access to highly effective schools should be an issue of importance to our city's leaders;

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina recognizes the critical role that an effective and accountable system of education plays in preparing all students in North Carolina to be successful adults in a global economy;

**WHEREAS**, Greenville is home to a multitude of high-quality public schools, magnet schools, public charter schools, and nonpublic schools;

**WHEREAS**, educational variety not only helps to diversify our economy, but also enhances the vibrancy of our community;

**WHEREAS**, Greenville has many high-quality teaching professionals in public schools, magnet schools, public charter schools, and nonpublic schools across Greenville who are committed to educating children;

**WHEREAS**, through continued teamwork between parents, teachers and schools, our community can strive to provide greater educational diversity and instructional excellence for our children;

**WHEREAS**, the vital cause of education reform is one that transcends ideology and political party affiliation;

**WHEREAS**, research in Greenville and across our nation demonstrates conclusively that providing children with multiple schooling options improves academic performance and revitalizes cities; and

**WHEREAS**, School Choice Week is a nationally celebrated event and during this week we join with millions of parents, educators, schools and organizations around the country to raise awareness of the need for effective educational options that challenge and motivate all our students to succeed;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Allen M. Thomas, Mayor of the City of Greenville, do hereby recognize January 27-February 2, 2013 as

## **SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK**

in Greenville, North Carolina and I call this observance to the attention of all of our citizens.

Allen M. Thomas, Mayor