



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

*Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Lessie L. Bass and her extraordinary contributions to our community will be commemorated by a host of family and friends, the Lucille W. Gorham Intergenerational Community Center, East Carolina University (ECU), West Greenville Community, and the City of Greenville on Saturday, April 4 at the Center, 12:00 PM;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Lessie L. Bass was a professor at East Carolina University in the School of Social Work and the first Executive Director of the Lucille W. Gorham Intergenerational Community Center;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Lessie L. Bass' accomplishments and practices in teaching were noteworthy. During her tenure at ECU, she developed an undergraduate online curriculum for the Bachelor of Social Work program. In addition, she served on the Admissions and Retention Committee for the undergraduate program for more than 10 years and the Masters Social Work Admissions and Retention Committee for five years. Students benefited from her individual and group advising sessions;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Lessie L. Bass specialized in community organizing and child and family services. Her placement of social work students at one of our former police substations and the Lucille W. Gorham Intergenerational Community Center provided additional training and community internships for social work students who were interested in working with children and families. Dr. Bass' research and interest in community engagement projects contributed to the success of the Center.

**WHEREAS**, through her love of social work and community service, she was the recipient of the 2008 UNC Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Public Service;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Lessie L. Bass was the author of numerous journal articles, *Policing, Social Work, and Community Revitalization: Community Practice in a Rural Town-It Takes A Community* (Restorative Directions Journal, 2007) and *Working with Youth Street Gangs and Their Families: Utilizing a Nurturing Model for Social Work Practice* (Journal of Gang Research, 2005) to name a few. She was the author of book reviews and other publications in print and delivered presentations as well;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Lessie L. Bass served as Diversity and Cultural Competence Advisor to Lenoir County Memorial Hospital and as a member of the Philippi Advisory Board, Citizens United Against Violence, West Greenville Community Revitalization Group, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and other community service and outreach committees; and


**WHEREAS**, her life of teaching and community service is worthy of having a day named in her honor as a small token of appreciation for her many contributions to this City;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 4, 2009 as

**DR. LESSIE L. BASS DAY**

in Greenville in memory of her love for people and making a difference in the lives of others.

This 4th day of April, 2009.

  
Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor