



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Lyme disease is a frequently misdiagnosed illness that if not caught early and treated properly can cause serious health problems; and

WHEREAS, Lyme disease is the most common vector-borne disease in the United States, caused by the spirochete *Borrelia Burgdorferi*, which is usually transmitted by the bite of an infected tick; and

WHEREAS, There are no age limitations or ethnic boundaries on whom this disease can affect; and

WHEREAS, Lyme disease can cause early symptoms such as a rash, or flu-like symptoms such as fever, muscle aches, headaches and fatigue; and

WHEREAS, proper tick removal is imperative and if done correctly and quickly, can aid in preventing disease; and

WHEREAS, while much has been learned about this condition that can cause chronic physical pain and mental distress, it is important that all citizens familiarize themselves with the signs, symptoms and risk factors associated with Lyme disease.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Knox H. White, Mayor of the City of Greenville, South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2008, as

LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Greenville.



KNOX H. WHITE
Mayor