

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** *in March 1972, The Ebonettes Service Club, Inc. was founded by four young African American women: Dr. Susanna Bell Gentry, Judy Bryd Dillard, Carolyn Jones Thomas and Marjorie Lester Monroe Thorpe [deceased] who had a vision to serve the citizens of Durham, North Carolina and to make a difference; and*

**WHEREAS,** *the Ebonettes have remained faithful to the founding goals and objectives by providing over 110 academic scholarships to deserving high school students in the Durham Public School System; whereby the scholarship is duly named in memory of our late founder – the “R. Marjorie Monroe Thorpe Scholarship”; and*

**WHEREAS,** *the Ebonettes provide numerous community outreach efforts of support to needy families, foster care youth, senior citizens via local Durham agencies; serve as mentors for after school programs and the Hillside High School “STAR” program; serve as volunteers at the newly opened Durham Senior Life Center, jut to name a few; and*

**WHEREAS,** *the club remains true to its motto: “Lend a helping hand today, see a smiling face tomorrow” – will be celebrating its 35<sup>th</sup> Founders Day on Saturday, March 31, 2007 at the Durham Hilton Hotel.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, William V. “Bill” Bell, Mayor of the City of Durham, do hereby proclaim Saturday, March 31, 2007 as**

## **“EBONETTES SERVICE CLUB INC. DAY”**

*in Durham, and hereby urge all citizens to take special note of this observance.*

**WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Durham, North Carolina, this the 30<sup>th</sup> day March 2007.**



*William V. “Bill” Bell*  
Mayor