



# Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

*WHEREAS, Patrick McGlade is running across the country, from California to Georgia, to raise awareness for the Arthritis Foundation, and in particular Juvenile Arthritis; and*

*WHEREAS, as an ultra-marathon runner, Mr. McGlade's run will be over 2,400 miles long. He began in January, 2010 from Bella Terra Mall, Huntington Beach, California and will end in mid April, 2010 at Tybee Island, Georgia; and*

*WHEREAS, arthritis is an inflammation of the joints that is characterized by swelling, heat, and pain. Arthritis can be short-term or it can be chronic and last for months or years. In rare cases, it can last a lifetime; and*

*WHEREAS, Alabama has the second highest prevalence rate for arthritis in the United States, second only to West Virginia. Of the 1.2 million Alabamians that live with arthritis, nearly 6,000 are children, with 4,500 suffering from a form of juvenile arthritis; and*

*WHEREAS, the Arthritis Foundation is the leading health organization addressing the needs of Americans living with arthritis, the nation's most common cause of disability. The Arthritis Foundation is the largest private, not-for-profit contributor to arthritis research in the world funding more than \$400 million in research grants since 1948.*

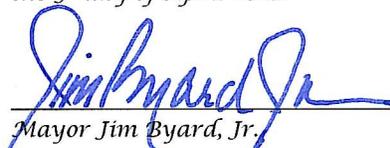
*NOW THEREFORE, I, Jim Byard, Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville, Alabama, do hereby proclaim Monday, April 5, 2010, as*

## **PATRICK MCGLADE DAY**

*in Prattville, in recognition of his challenge in bringing public awareness to the Arthritis Foundation.*



Given Under My Hand and the  
Seal of the City of Prattville on  
the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 2010.

  
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Mayor Jim Byard, Jr.