



Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

WHEREAS, the nearly 3.1 million registered nurses in the United States comprise our nation's largest health care profession; and

WHEREAS, the depth and breadth of the registered nursing profession meets the different and emerging health care needs of the American population in a wide range of settings; and

WHEREAS, the American Nurses Association, as the voice for the registered nurses of this country, is working to chart a new course for a healthy nation that relies on increasing delivery of primary and preventive health care; and

WHEREAS, a renewed emphasis on primary and preventive health care will require the better utilization of all of our nation's registered nursing resources; and

WHEREAS, professional nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients; and

WHEREAS, the demand for registered nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging of the American population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technology, and the explosive growth of home health care services; and

WHEREAS, that more qualified registered nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in this community; and

WHEREAS, the cost-effective, safe and quality health care services provided by registered nurses will be an ever more important component of the U.S. health care delivery system in the future; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Gillespie Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville, Alabama, along with the American Nurses Association, and Prattville Baptist Hospital do hereby **PROCLAIM** the week of May 6- 12, 2011 as

NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

with the theme *Nurses Trusted to Care* and in celebration of the ways in which registered nurses strive to provide safe and high quality patient care, and further I urge the citizens of Prattville show your appreciation for nurses, not just during this week, but at every opportunity throughout the year.



Given Under My Hand and the Seal of the City of
Prattville on the 6th day of May 2011.


Mayor Bill Gillespie, Jr.