



Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

WHEREAS, the annual distribution of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States had been officially recognized and endorsed by governmental leaders since 1922; and,

WHEREAS, VFW Buddy Poppies are assembled by disabled veterans, and the proceeds of this worthy fund-raising campaign are used exclusively for the benefit of disabled and needy veterans, and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans; and,

WHEREAS, the basic purpose of the annual distribution of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars is eloquently reflected in the desire to "Honor the Dead by Helping the Living"; and,

WHEREAS, I urge all patriotic citizens to wear a Buddy Poppy as mute evidence of our gratitude to the men and women of this country who have risked their lives in defense of the freedoms which we continue to enjoy as American citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Gillespie, Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville, do hereby PROCLAIM May 28, 2011 as

BUDDY POPPY DAY

in Prattville, and urge the citizens of this community to recognize their merits of this cause by contributing generously to its support through your donations for Buddy Poppies in appreciation for the sacrifices of our honored dead.

Given Under My Hand and the Seal of the
City of Prattville on the 28th day Of May ,
2011 .

Mayor: _____

Bill Gillespie, Jr.

