



PROCLAMATION

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

WHEREAS, Debbie Bond was born in California, lived in Europe, and moved to Alabama in 1979; and

WHEREAS, she developed a love of music and the blues at a young age and has worked continuously as a musician, singer and songwriter for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, she has traveled throughout the United States and Europe, playing the blues and has worked with some of the greatest blues musicians of all time, including Jerry Boogie McCain, James Peterson; Eddie Kirkland, Sam Lay, Little Jimmy Reed, Willie King, and others; and

WHEREAS, she is a blues activist and founded the award winning Alabama Blues Project in 1995 which is a non-profit organization that promotes and preserves Alabama blues; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Blues Project has been instrumental in educating the public about the importance of Alabama blues heritage; and

WHEREAS, through its educational and entertaining programs the Alabama Blues Project has won numerous awards, including the Druid City Arts Award, the Blues Foundation's "Keeping the Blues Alive" award, and the national "Coming Up Taller" award from the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Bond has been an extraordinary musician and educator and a mentor to her students and the youth of Alabama through her love of the blues and its continued growth.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Gillespie, Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville do hereby Proclaim the Friday, March 22, 2013, as

Debbie Bond Day

In Prattville, Alabama, and urge our citizens to recognize and commend Ms. Bond for her significant contribution to the arts through her music and sharing her talents with the people of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and Seal of the City of Prattville
on the 20th of March 2013.

Bill Gillespie, Jr.
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