Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

WHEREAS, breast cancer touches the lives of Americans from every background and in every community across our Nation. Though we have made great strides in combatting this devastating illness, more than 200,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year, and tens of thousands are expected to lose their lives to the disease; and

WHEREAS, during the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month we honor those we have lost, lend our strength to those who carry on the fight, and pledge to educate ourselves and our loved ones about this tragic disease; and

WHEREAS, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month educates women about the importance of early detection for breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the fact that mammography is the best available method of detecting breast changes that may be cancer, long before physical symptoms can be seen or felt; and

WHEREAS, since National Breast Cancer Awareness Month's inception, mammography use has doubled, and breast cancer death rates have declined; and

WHEREAS, our Nation has made significant progress in the fight against breast cancer, and we remain firm in our commitment to do more. By raising awareness of this disease and supporting research, we can usher in a new era in our struggle against breast cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Gillespie, Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville do hereby proclaim October 2013

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in Prattville, Alabama.

Given Under My Hand and the Seal of the City of Prattville on the 1st day of October 2013.

Bill Gillespie Jr.

Mayor Bill Gillespie, Jr.