# Proclamation

## By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

*WHEREAS, domestic violence is widespread and is devastating to society as a whole, but particularly women and children; and*

*WHEREAS, when a family member is abused, it can have long-term damaging effects on the victim that also leave a mark on family, friends, and the community at large; and*

*WHEREAS, families are indispensable to a stable society, and should be a place of support to instill responsibilities and values in the next generation; and*

*WHEREAS, the problem of domestic violence is not confined to any group or groups of people, but crosses all economic, racial, gender, educational, religious, societal barriers, and is sustained by societal indifference; and*

*WHEREAS, victims should have help to find the compassion, comfort, and healing they need, and domestic abusers should be punished to the fullest extent of the law; and*

*WHEREAS, we have a moral obligation to work to prevent domestic violence and to address its brutal and destructive effect. .*

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

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 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.*