Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

WHEREAS, *Multiple Sclerosis is a chronic, progressive, disabling neurological disease of unknown origin that affects the central nervous system and has no known cure; and*

WHEREAS, *Multiple Sclerosis has been diagnosed in more than 400,000 people nationwide, whose family, friends and employers are affected as well; and*

WHEREAS, *people with Multiple Sclerosis are often misunderstood because many of their symptoms, including fatigue, weakness, cognition difficulties, vision loss, and depression, are "invisible"; and*

WHEREAS, *with early drug therapy and proper healthcare management, disease progression can be slowed, allowing people with Multiple Sclerosis to live active, rewarding and productive lives; and*

WHEREAS, *increased public education and awareness about Multiple Sclerosis not only helps people who must cope with the disease, but also stimulates funds for vital research aimed at developing more disease-modifying treatments and ultimately a cure; and*

WHEREAS, *the mission of the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation is, in part, to improve the quality of life of people with Multiple Sclerosis nationwide through educational programs and materials, grant programs, support groups, and other services; and*

WHEREAS, *it is in the best interest of Prattvillians to promote awareness of Multiple Sclerosis and a better understanding of people who live with the disease.*

NOW THEREFORE, *I, Bill Gillespie Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville, Alabama, do hereby proclaim March 2014 as*

Multiple Sclerosis Education & Awareness Month

in the City of Prattville, and encourage all of its citizens to join me in recognizing the importance of this month.

Given Under My Hand and the Seal of the City of Prattville on the 1st day of March 2014.

Bill Gillespie Jr.

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