Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

WHEREAS, *there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Prattville Police Department; and*

WHEREAS, *nearly 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in approximately 16,000 injuries; and*

WHEREAS, *since the first recorded death in 1791, almost 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including one member of the Prattville Police Department; and*

WHEREAS, *the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and*

WHEREAS, *the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 26th Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2014; and*

WHEREAS, *the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week.*

NOW THEREFORE, *I, Bill Gillespie, Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville, Alabama, do hereby recognize May 11 through May 17, 2014 as*

Police Week

and proclaim May 15, 2014 as

Peace Officers Memorial Day

in the City of Prattville and publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

Given Under My Hand and the Seal of the City of Prattville on the 2nd day of May 2014.

Bill Gillespie Jr.

Mayor Bill Gillespie, Jr.