



Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

WHEREAS, approximately one in every 691 children are born with Down Syndrome, representing an estimated 5,000 births per year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, there are over 400,000 individuals living with Down Syndrome in the United States; and

WHEREAS, while research and early intervention have resulted in dramatic improvements in the life span and potential of those who are affected, more investigation is needed into the causes and treatment of Down Syndrome; and

WHEREAS, most children born with Down Syndrome will experience delay in physical, cognitive and language development and individuals with Down Syndrome vary in their mental and physical abilities; and

WHEREAS, today, with loving homes, available therapies, advanced medical care, better early education and greater social acceptance, people with Down Syndrome live full and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, individuals with Down syndrome should have equal opportunity to achieve the universally desired goals of self-fulfillment, pride in their achievements, inclusion in their community and reaching their full potential; and

WHEREAS, through public awareness, the City of Prattville seeks to ensure that individuals with Down Syndrome are valued, included and live fulfilling lives within the community.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Gillespie Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville, Alabama, do hereby recognize October 2014 as

Down Syndrome Awareness Month

in the City of Prattville, and encourage residents to create opportunities, raise awareness and facilitate solutions for these valued members of our community.



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

Bill Gillespie Jr.

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