



Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

WHEREAS, 1 in every 4 women will experience domestic violence during her lifetime and approximately 15.5 million children are exposed to domestic violence every year; 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, 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 they should be a place of support to instill responsibility 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, and 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 full extent of the law; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the compassion and dedication of the individuals who provide services to victims of domestic violence and work to increase public understanding of this significant problem; 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 2014

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in Prattville, Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Seal of the City
of Prattville on the 3rd day of October 2014.

Bill Gillespie Jr.

Mayor Bill Gillespie, Jr.