



# PROCLAMATION

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

*WHEREAS, the Muscle Shoals Sound Studio was formed in 1969 by four musicians, David Hood (bass), Jimmy Johnson (guitar), Barry Beckett (keyboards) and Roger Hawkins (drums) at 3614 Jackson Highway in Sheffield, Alabama; and*

*WHEREAS, the Muscle Shoals Sound Studio musicians were all experts in their field and created a sound that had not been heard before; and*

*WHEREAS, the Muscle Shoals Sound Studio musicians were famously referred to as The Swampers by Leon Russell and then immortalized as The Swampers in Lynard Skynard's song Sweet Home Alabama; and*

*WHEREAS, The Swampers recorded or produced some of the most recognizable songs recorded in the past 50 years, not only in the United States, but worldwide; and*

*WHEREAS, The Swampers have recorded with some of the most famous musicians in the world, including the Staple Singers, Aretha Franklin, the Rolling Stones, Percy Sledge, Etta James, Bob Seger, Joe Cocker, Rod Stewart, Paul Simon, Cher, Lynard Skynard, Willie Nelson, Traffic, and Prattville's own Wilson Pickett, just to name a few; and*

*WHEREAS, The Swampers have continued to make music and preserve music and recording through their work with the Muscle Shoals Sound Studio Foundation and the Alabama Music Hall of Fame.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Gillespie, Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville do hereby Proclaim Saturday, March 14, 2015, to be*

## *The Swampers & Muscle Shoals Sound Studio Day*

*In Prattville, Alabama, and urge our citizens to recognize and commend The Swampers for their significant contribution to the arts through their music and sharing their talents with the people of Alabama.*



Given Under My Hand and Seal of the City of Prattville  
on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2015.

*Bill Gillespie, Jr.*  
Mayor Bill Gillespie, Jr.