



# Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

*WHEREAS, the firefighter has been a part of the American scene since earliest Colonial days; and*

*WHEREAS, from the bucket brigades of Colonial America, we have progressed to the modern fire departments and modern firefighting equipment of today; and*

*WHEREAS, fire hazards have more than kept with our advanced technology and social progress and the American firefighter today must meet the challenge of fires caused by numerous new chemicals, explosives, combustible fibers, and other dangerous materials. Firefighters must be prepared to fight fires in crowded cities and giant buildings, as well as in remote rural communities. Those duties are often performed at great personal risk and sacrifice; and*

*WHEREAS, the services of firefighters are among the first to be sought in other emergency situations. Whether to rescue a stranded child, or to give aid and comfort to victims of a flood, hurricane, or other disaster, the American firefighter stands ready to serve his/her community night and day; and*

*WHEREAS, President Lyndon B. Johnson desired to provide the people of this nation a special opportunity to express their heartfelt gratitude for the incalculable contributions which our firefighters so generously bestow upon us, the Congress, by joint resolution, approved May 4<sup>th</sup> be designated as a Day of Recognition of the personal sacrifices and devotion to duty of firefighters in the United States of America.*

*NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Gillespie Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville, Alabama, do hereby recognize May 4, 2015 as a*

## *Day of Recognition for Firefighters*

*in the City of Prattville, and urge the residents of Prattville to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies in honor of our firefighters - both career and volunteer - who, by faithful and dedicated service to their communities, are safeguarding the lives and property of their fellow Americans.*



Given Under My Hand and the Seal of the City of  
Prattville on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2015.

*Bill Gillespie Jr.*  
Mayor Bill Gillespie Jr.