



PROCLAMATION

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

WHEREAS, JoAnn Johnson was one of the originating members of the Autauga Creek Improvement Committee (ACIC); and

WHEREAS, JoAnn was key in helping to establish a schedule and process for cleaning and clearing the Autauga Creek Canoe Trail (ACCT), which proved to be a huge blessing for this community. Due to staffing shortages and funding, the City of Prattville had not been able to effectively clear the creek for the Canoe Trail Fun Run in several years. JoAnn was instrumental in getting several groups to volunteer for cleanup days to include Home School Parents, Prattville Christian Academy, Maxwell OCS candidates and others; and

WHEREAS, JoAnn assisted in getting the Adopt-A-Stream program started on the Autauga Creek Canoe Trail and had signage placed at all bridge crossings; and

WHEREAS, JoAnn assisted in apply for and being awarded a number of grants for continued work through ACIC and for ACCT; and

WHEREAS, JoAnn spearheaded the project to obtain landowners permission to access Autauga Creek on their private property for cleanups or emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, JoAnn's work made it possible for ACCT to be accepted and listed on the Alabama Scenic River Trail; and

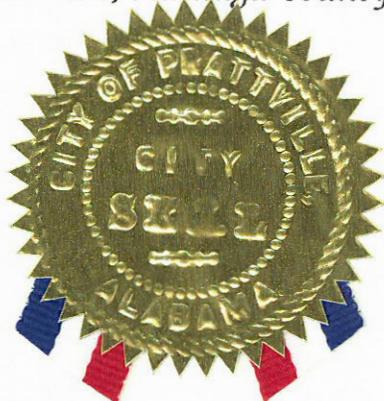
WHEREAS, JoAnn established a 4H RiverKids Program, which has resulted in over 100 children learning to kayak safely and become more knowledgeable about waterways and the environment; and

WHEREAS, JoAnn spearheaded the project to obtain recommendations that resulted in ACCT being designated a National Recreation Trail by the United States Department of the Interior on June 6, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Gillespie, Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville do hereby Proclaim Saturday, July 18, 2015, to be

JoAnn Johnson Day

In Prattville, Alabama, and urge our citizens to recognize and commend Mrs. JoAnn Johnson for her tremendous and significant contribution to the City of Prattville, Autauga County and the State of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and Seal of the City of Prattville
on the 18th of July 2015.

Bill Gillespie, Jr.

Mayor Bill Gillespie, Jr.