



# Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

*WHEREAS, firefighters are our unsung heroes who daily put their lives on the line to help their neighbors and keep the community safe; and*

*WHEREAS, firefighters must retain their composure in a variety of emergency situations while fulfilling requirements to perform the task at hand no matter how simple or critical the scenario; and*

*WHEREAS, occasionally, firefighters may have to remain at the scene of a disaster for days on end; and*

*WHEREAS, most firefighters remain on call during a shift for 24 hours where they routinely inspect equipment and perform practice drills to be prepared for duty; and*

*WHEREAS, Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 conflagration that killed an estimated 300 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,000 structures and an estimated \$200 million in damages; and*

*WHEREAS, the State of Alabama Governor, Robert Bentley, signed a proclamation on April 15, 2015 proclaiming Alabama Firefighter Appreciation Day to occur each year on the Friday of Fire Prevention Week in October; and*

*WHEREAS, the state of Alabama and the City of Prattville are greatly indebted to the heroic and hardworking paid and volunteer firefighters.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Gillespie, Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville do hereby proclaim as*

## *Firefighter Appreciation Day*

*In Prattville, Alabama.*



Given Under My Hand and the Seal of the City of Prattville on the 9th day of October 2016.

*Bill Gillespie Jr.*

Mayor Bill Gillespie, Jr.