



Commendation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

WHEREAS, on November 6, 1989 Mayor Price hired Latricia Thomas Gardner with the City of Prattville as a Clerical Assistant to the Parks and Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gardner was promoted by Mayor Whetstone as the Parks and Recreation Center Director on January 29, 1993 and then Assistant to the Director February 1, 1998; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Byard promoted Ms. Gardner to the Assistant Director of the Parks and Recreation Department November 16, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gardner has played an instrumental role in multiple Parks and Recreation programs. She had a key role in the development and administration of the City of Prattville's Basketball Program and volunteered as a soccer coach; and

WHEREAS, the Black History Program celebrated its eighteenth year on February 24, 2017 and Ms. Gardner has developed and supported this program over her tenure with the City of Prattville; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gardner's love for Prattville, children, and people in general made her the perfect fit for the Parks and Recreation Department. She not only actively worked to inspire and mold others within her career but she also faced her fears as well. Ms. Gardner conquered her fear and learned to swim through the Parks and Recreation swimming program in 2001; and

WHEREAS, she has been a dedicated positive employee willing to go above and beyond in any and all situations. She has experienced working under three directors and four mayors during her tenure with the City of Prattville while officially retiring January 31, 2017 after 27 years of devoted service under the leadership of Mayor Gillespie.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Gillespie, Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville do hereby commend

Latricia Thomas Gardner

for her constant dedication and commitment to our great City and wish her the best of luck in retirement.



Given Under My Hand and the Seal of the City of Prattville on the 21st day of February 2017.

Bill Gillespie Jr.

Mayor Bill Gillespie, Jr.