



Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

WHEREAS, The International Association of Lions Clubs was founded on June 7, 1917 and is celebrating 100 years of humanitarian service; and

WHEREAS, The humanitarian service of Lions Clubs began in Alabama in 1922 with the chartering of Lions Clubs in Birmingham, Montgomery and Mobile; and

WHEREAS, The Lions of Alabama are members of the world's largest service club organization comprised of 1.4 million members in 46,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas; and

WHEREAS, Helen Keller, a native of Alabama, provided the Lions their signature cause of working with the blind when they accepted her challenge, "Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?" during the association's international convention in 1925; and

WHEREAS, Alabama has one hundred thirty-three Lions Clubs with more than thirty-one hundred Lions serving the citizens of our state; and

WHEREAS, The Lions of Alabama provide service to thousands of individuals each year through state-wide projects such as Alabama Lions Sight Conservation Association, Alabama Lions Eye Clinic, Alabama Lions Vision Missions, Alabama Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center, Alabama Lions Opportunities for Youth Fund, Alabama Lions High School Leadership Forum, Alabama Lions High School All-Star Band, a partnership with the Camp Seale Harris Diabetes Camp/Southeastern Diabetes Education Services, and countless services provided by Lions Clubs in their local communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Gillespie, Jr., Mayor, do hereby PROCLAIM 2017 as

THE YEAR OF LIONS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

in Prattville, Alabama and encourage our citizens to support them in their work on behalf of all residents. Please also join me in congratulating the Prattville Lions Club on their 81 years of distinguished service to our community.



*Given Under My Hand and the Seal of the City of
Prattville on the 6th day of June 2017.*

Bill Gillespie Jr.

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