



Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem that depends on involvement among people throughout the community;

WHEREAS, the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable;

WHEREAS, mistreatment of children occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and unable to cope;

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect not only directly harm children, but also increase the likelihood of criminal behavior, substance abuse, health problems, and risky behavior;

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure each family has the support they need to raise their children in a healthy environment;

WHEREAS, all citizens should become involved in supporting families in raising their children in a safe, nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Gillespie, Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2021 as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

in Prattville, Alabama, and call upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.



Given Under My Hand and the Seal of the City of
Prattville on the 25th day of March 2021.

Bill Gillespie, Jr.

Mayor Bill Gillespie, Jr.