



# Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

*WHEREAS, cancer is the second leading cause of death among children 15 years of age and younger. Childhood cancer rates have been on the rise for the past few decades and nearly 9,620 children under the age of 15 will be diagnosed with cancer in the United States this year; and*

*WHEREAS, there have been major advances in the treatment of cancer. Currently 85% of children diagnosed with cancer now survive 5 years or more, however survival rates do vary depending on the type of cancer; and*

*WHEREAS, children battling childhood cancer are cared for by loving families, friends, and communities who come together in their time of need; and*

*WHEREAS, cancers in children are often hard to recognize because symptoms can be very similar to illnesses and injuries that are very common. Parents are encouraged to have regular medical check-ups performed on their children and be aware of symptoms that do not go away; and*

*WHEREAS, each year far too many children and their families face the harmful effects of cancer. We should all take time to honor the many children who battle cancer and honor their families, friends, and medical professionals.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Gillespie Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville do hereby proclaim September, 2024 as*

## CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

*in Prattville, Alabama.*



Given Under My Hand and the Seal of the City  
of Prattville on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2024.

*Bill Gillespie Jr.*

Mayor Bill Gillespie, Jr.