

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
PRATTVILLE, ALABAMA**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, sexual assault impacts women, children, and men of all racial, cultural, and economic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, many citizens of Prattville and Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base are working to provide quality services and assistance to sexual assault survivors; and dedicated volunteers help staff 24-hour hotlines, respond to emergency calls and offer support, comfort, and advocacy during medical exams, criminal proceedings, and throughout the healing process; and

WHEREAS, it is vitally important that continued educational efforts to provide information about prevention and services for sexual assault be supported and enhanced; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to intensify public awareness of sexual assault, to educate people about the need for citizen involvement in efforts to reduce sexual violence, to increase support for agencies providing sexual assault services, and to increase awareness of the healing power of creative expression; and

WHEREAS, the safety of the citizens of Prattville and Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base tomorrow depends on our vigilance against sexual assault today. We join in asking our fellow citizens to increase their awareness and learn how they can prevent sexual assault and all other forms of violence in communities across this great State.

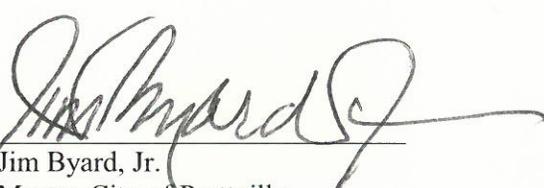
WHEREAS, each year the month of April provides an opportunity for crisis centers across the state to renew their commitments to serve their communities. For this period, educational efforts intensify, ensuring that Alabamians are aware of the sexual assault services available in their area.

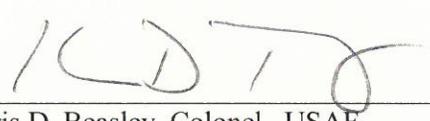
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Byard, Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville, and I, Colonel Kris D. Beasley, Wing Commander, 42d Air Base, Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base, hereby proclaim the month of April 2009 as

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

in Prattville, Alabama, and Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base, and call upon all citizens to participate fully in the wide range of available events and activities.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of this City to be affixed.


Jim Byard, Jr.
Mayor, City of Prattville


Kris D. Beasley, Colonel, USAF
Commander, 42d Air Base Wing

