

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
PRATTVILLE, ALABAMA**

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, NF causes tumors to grow on nerves anywhere in the body, and can cause bone and skin tumors, bone deformities such as spine scoliosis; leg bowing or twisting, coffee colored spots on the skin, deafness, blindness; learning disabilities; debilitating pain, heart defects and even death; and

**WHEREAS**, NF is more prevalent than Cystic Fibrosis, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, Tay Sachs and Huntington 's disease combined; and

**WHEREAS**, NF can appear in any family and is worldwide in distribution, affects both sexes equally and has no particular racial or ethnic distribution; and

**WHEREAS**, while over 125,000 Americans have NF and one of every 3,000 newborns will develop the disorder, it still is relatively unknown to the public and much remains to be done to raise awareness of the disease and the need for funding for research to prevent, treat and cure NF; and

**WHEREAS**, The Children's Tumor Foundation ([www.ctf.org](http://www.ctf.org), 800-323-7938) leads the efforts to fund critical research aimed at finding the causes of the disorder and developing treatments and a cure, and to provide support to people and families affected by NF; and

**WHEREAS**, The Children's Tumor Foundation is observing May as National Neurofibromatosis (NF) Awareness Month nationally to inform the public about this common genetic disorder.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jim Byard, Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville, do hereby **PROCLAIM** the month of May, as

**"NEUROFIBROMATOSIS AWARENESS MONTH"**

in Prattville, Alabama, and urge all citizens to join the Children's Tumor Foundation's effort to increase awareness of the importance of finding a treatment and a cure to NF.

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

Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

*May 1, 2009*

