

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
PRATTVILLE, ALABAMA**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the freedoms we enjoy as Americans have been purchased and maintained at a high price throughout our history; and

WHEREAS, Shriners International is a well-known, respected fraternity dedicated to fun, fellowship and philanthropy with hundreds of thousands of members who belong to 191 chapters throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Republic of Panama; and

WHEREAS, Members support Shriners Hospitals for Children, the one-of-a-kind international pediatric specialty health care system that was founded by the Shriners fraternity and provides all care with no financial obligation to patients or their families; and

WHEREAS, Membership in the Shriners fraternity offers the invaluable opportunity to build camaraderie and lifelong friendships with other men of character and upstanding values; and

WHEREAS, Shriners International offers its members professional development and leadership opportunities in their local communities and internationally; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting and appropriate to acknowledge and celebrate this wonderful fraternity and its rich history on the anniversary of the day the Imperial Council of Shriners International was formed – June 6, 1876;

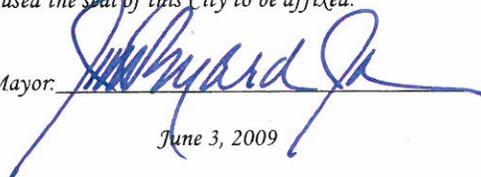
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Byard, Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville, Alabama, do hereby proclaim June 6, 2009, as

SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS DAY

In Prattville, Alabama, and do encourage all of our citizens to learn more about Shriners International and celebrate its many impressive achievements over the past 137 years.

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

Mayor:



June 3, 2009

