

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF PRATTVILLE**

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is a problem in the City of Prattville, the state and the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Autauga County Task Force on Domestic Violence is actively seeking to educate Prattville residences and businesses regarding the facts about domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, two incidents of domestic violence are reported to police every minute, and The Prattville Police Department received and estimate 434 domestic violence-related complaints in the year 2008. By conservative estimates, 1.5 million women in the United States are assaulted by their intimate partners every year; and

**WHEREAS**, there were 34 domestic homicides reported in 2008, 24% of the victims were males, and 76% were females, and a firearm was the weapon used in 82% of the homicides. In 53% of the homicides the victim was the wife or ex-wife of the offender; in 12% the victim was the husband or ex-husband. 73% of the homicides occurred at a residence; of the 34 domestic homicides reported 26 domestic homicides were cleared; and

**WHEREAS**, of 1200 employed adults 18 and over 44% personally experienced domestic violence's and the effects in their workplaces; and 64% of victims of domestic violence indicated that their ability to work was affected by the violence. Of the approximately 1.7 million incidents of workplace violence that occur in the US every year, approximately 18,700 (1.1 percent) are committed by an intimate: current or former spouse, lover, partner, or boyfriend/girlfriend and

**WHEREAS**, it requires ongoing advocacy efforts at the federal, state and local levels to maintain adequate funding to support domestic violence shelters and support programs; and

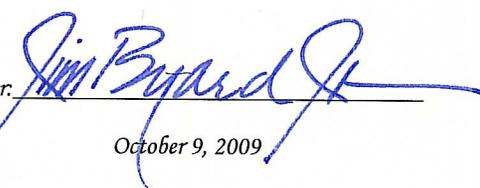
**WHEREAS**, the law enforcement, judicial and shelter/support programs in Autauga and Montgomery County work together on a daily basis, to protect, defend and provide shelter and support for victims of domestic violence.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mayor Jim Byard, Jr., City of Prattville do hereby **PROCLAIM** October, 2009, as

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

in recognition of the many families who are victims of domestic violence and to bring attention to our City of the devastating impact of domestic violence has in our neighborhoods and communities and workplaces.

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

Mayor. 

October 9, 2009

