



# Commendation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

*WHEREAS, Captain Denise Oates began her career with the City of Prattville in 1977 as a lifeguard for the city pool; and*

*WHEREAS, she is a life-long Prattville resident who graduated from Autauga County High School in 1976. She continued her education at Troy State University in Montgomery earning a B.S. Degree in Criminal Justice. From there, she enrolled in the Alabama Police Academy where she graduated in August 1981; and*

*WHEREAS, Captain Oates began her service as a Police Officer in January 1981. She was appointed Police Corporal in February 1986, then promoted to Police Sergeant in February 1987. Captain Oates took another promotion to Police Lieutenant in July 1993, and appointed to Police Captain in August 1995. She performed her duties in a professional, competent and efficient manner. Captain Oates has, through hard work and dedication, demonstrated the qualities which makes an excellent employee and Police Captain; and*

*WHEREAS, Captain Oates has received numerous certificates, letters of appreciation and commendations throughout her career. She was very proficient in developing and implementing the City of Prattville Police Departments budget and managing the department's administrative offices.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Gillespie, Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville, Alabama, do hereby **COMMEND** Captain Denise Oates her service to the City of Prattville and our community, and extend to her our wishes for a healthy, happy and prosperous retirement.*



*Given Under My Hand and the Seal of the City of Prattville  
on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 2011.*

Mayor:   
Mayor Bill Gillespie, Jr.