



Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem that depends on involvement among people throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, child maltreatment occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and don't know how to cope; and

WHEREAS, the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure each family has the support they need to raise their children in a healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect not only harm children, but also increase likelihood of criminal behavior, substance abuse, health problems such as heart disease and obesity, and risky behavior such as smoking; and

WHEREAS, all citizens should become involved in supporting families in raising their children in a safe, nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social services agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Bill Gillespie, Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville, Alabama, on behalf of the Department of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention, The Children's Trust Fund and Prevent Child Abuse Alabama hereby Proclaim April, 2011, as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, and business to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.



*Given Under My Hand and Seal of the City
of Prattville on the 1st of April, 2011.*

Bill Gillespie, Jr.
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