



Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious health, social and economic problem in the United States, impacting one in four women in a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people, but cut across all economic, racial and societal barriers; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a crime, and violates an individual's privacy and dignity, security and humanity, due to systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control; and

WHEREAS, witnessing domestic violence in their homes leaves children with wounds that can last a lifetime, often causing poor performance in school, increased emotional and other health problems, and behavior problems that often lead to legal problems and/or incarceration; and

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly effecting individuals and society as a whole, here in this community, this county and beyond, and take a tremendous economic toll on government systems and helping agencies; and

WHEREAS according to a report released by the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center, the Family Violence in Alabama 2006-2010 report, 6.4 offenses per day involving family violence were reported in Alabama between 2006 and 2010.

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition of the harmful impacts of domestic violence on our families and community, and the efforts of those working to combat this issue, we do hereby PROCLAIM the month of October to be

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

in Prattville, Alabama and urge all citizens to actively participate in efforts to improve victim safety and hold perpetrators of domestic abuse accountable for their actions against individual victims and society as a whole.



Given Under My Hand and the Seal of the City of
Prattville on the 30th day of September, 2011.


Mayor Bill Gillespie, Jr.