



# Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

*WHEREAS, Dr. Tonea Stewart is a native of Greenwood, Mississippi, and subsequently moved to Alabama in 1990; and*

*WHEREAS, she developed a love of music and theatre at a young age and has worked continuously as an actress and educator for many years; and*

*WHEREAS, she received a Ph.D. in Theatre Arts from Florida State University, an MA in Theatre Arts from University of California at Santa Barbara, and a B.S. in Speech and Theatre from Jackson State University; and*

*WHEREAS, she has received many awards and recognitions, including, 1997 Image Award Nominee, 1999 New York World Fest Gold Medal Winner, 1999 Gabriel Award Winner, 2000 Emmy Award Honoree, 2008 Disney Theo Award Winner, 2009 Operation Push Honoree and recently received the Living Legend Award at the Black Theatre Festival in North Carolina; and*

*WHEREAS, Dr. Stewart has appeared in many television series, movies, theatre productions and radio programs, including her best known role as Etta Kibbee on the television series *In the Heat of the Night*, Gwen Hailey in *A Time to Kill*, Johnny Carr in *The Rosa Parks Story*, among many others; and*

*WHEREAS, she is the Dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts at Alabama State University and she continues to give back to the community through her youth development camps and programs at ASU; and*

*WHEREAS, Dr. Stewart is a talented actress and singer, and a selfless educator and mentor to her students and the youth of Alabama.*

*NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Gillespie, Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville, Alabama, do hereby proclaim Thursday, March 22, 2012 as*

## DR. TONEA STEWART DAY

*In Prattville, Alabama, and urge our citizens to recognize and commend Dr. Stewart for her significant contribution to the arts through her singing, acting and sharing her talents with the people of Alabama*



Given Under My Hand and the Seal of the City of  
Prattville on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2012.

  
Mayor Bill Gillespie, Jr.