Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

WHEREAS, *there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Prattville Police Department; and*

WHEREAS, *nearly 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in approximately 16,000 injuries; and*

WHEREAS, *since the first recorded death in 1791, almost 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including 1 member of the Prattville Police Department; and*

WHEREAS, *the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and*

WHEREAS, *362 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 163 officers killed in 2011 and 199 officers killed in previous years; and*

WHEREAS, *the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 24th Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2012; and*

WHEREAS, *the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week.*

NOW THEREFORE, *I, Bill Gillespie Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville, Alabama, do hereby recognize May 13 through May 19, 2012 as*

National Police Week

and proclaim May 15, 2012 as

Peace Officers Memorial Day

in the City of Prattville and call upon all Prattvillians to display the flag at half-staff from their homes and businesses on this day. Please join me in publicly saluting the service of our law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

Given Under My Hand and the Seal of the City of Prattville on the 13th day of May 2012.

Mayor Bill Gillespie Jr.