Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

WHEREAS, breast cancer touches the lives of Americans from every background and in every community across our Nation. Though we have made great strides in combatting this devastation illness, more than 200,00 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year, and tens of thousands are expected to lose their lives to the disease; and

WHEREAS, during the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we honor those we have lost, lend our strength to those who carry on the fight, and pledge to educate ourselves and our loved ones about this tragic disease; and

WHEREAS, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month educates women about the importance of early detection for breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the fact that mammography is the best available method of detecting breast changes that may be cancer, long before physical symptoms can be seen or felt; and

WHEREAS, since National Breast Cancer Awareness Month's inception, mammography use has doubled, and breast cancer death rates have declined; and

WHEREAS, many women still do not utilize mammography at regular intervals; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer deaths could decline further if all women age 40 and older received mammograms at regular intervals; and

WHEREAS, the City of Prattville celebrates Breast Cancer Awareness Month by gathering around the Historical Fountain at Heritage Park to "Turn the Fountain Pink" on in acknowledgement of local breast cancer survivors;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Gillespie, Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville, Alabama do hereby proclaim October 2012, as

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

and proclaim October 12, 2012, as

THINK PINK DAY

in Prattville, Alabama, encourage all citizens to join in activities that will increase awareness of what Americans can do to prevent breast cancer.

Given under My Hand and the Seal of the City of Prattville on the 1st day of October 2012.

Mayor Bill Gillespie, Jr.