



Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

WHEREAS, premature birth is a complex problem with no single solution. Every year more than half a million babies are born prematurely in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in the United States premature births cost more than \$26 billion a year; and

WHEREAS, premature birth is the number one killer of newborns. Babies born even a few weeks early are at risk of severe health problems and lifelong disabilities; and

WHEREAS, education is key to improving the health of mothers and their babies; and

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes focuses the nation's attention on premature births during the month of November in order to raise awareness of the problems of prematurity and decrease the rate of premature births in the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Gillespie, Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville do hereby proclaim November 2013

PREMATURITY AWARENESS MONTH

in Prattville, Alabama.



*Given Under My Hand and the Seal of the City
of Prattville on the 1st day of October 2013.*

Bill Gillespie Jr.

Mayor Bill Gillespie, Jr.