State of Alabama
River Region
Reciprocal Proclamation

WHEREAS, *members of the military community in the River Region are much more than protectors of our freedoms as they contribute significantly to the quality of life and economic well-being of our communities; and*

WHEREAS, *the events of recent times, to include the "War on Terrorism" and conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, remind us that the freedoms we enjoy are not free, but the result of numerous sacrifices of those currently serving in our military and of those men and women who have served throughout our history; and*

WHEREAS, *our local active duty military members, retirees, reserve forces, National Guard forces, and their families are our neighbors, our volunteers, coaches, teachers, Big Brothers and Sisters, Partners in Education, members of our civic clubs, churches and so many more; and*

WHEREAS, *the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce Wright Flyers are launching this awareness initiative to better inform River Region citizens about the importance of our military neighbors; and*

NOW, THEREFORE, *we, the undersigned of the River Region of Alabama hereby proclaim November 10-16, 2013 as*

MILITARY APPRECIATION WEEK

and further proclaim the official slogan of the week to be

FREEDOM IS NOT FREE…THANK YOU U. S. MILITARY

in addition, we hereby authorize banners bearing this slogan to be posted and call upon all citizens and businesses to recognize the impact our military and their families have on our communities as we recognize their sacrifice, support and dedication to all of us.

In witness whereof, *we have hereunto set our hands to be affixed on this 14th day of November 2013.*

Todd Strange *Montgomery*	*Bill Gillespie* *Prattville*	*Jerry Willis* *Wetumpka*	*Al Kelly* *Millbrook*	*Gordon Stone* *Pike Road*

Robert Payne *Tallassee*	*Elton N. Dean, Sr.* *Montgomery County Commission*