



Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

WHEREAS, John F. Kennedy was the 35th President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, John F. Kennedy honorably served his country during World War II in the United States Navy in the Pacific Theater, commanded PT-109 (Patrol Torpedo boat), saw significant combat, and earned a Purple Heart and the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for his heroism; and

WHEREAS, John F. Kennedy was elected to the United States House of Representatives representing Massachusetts in 1946, served in the Congress for three terms before being elected to the United States Senate in 1952, and served for eight years, becoming a leading voice on international affairs; and

WHEREAS, President John F. Kennedy's administration was defined by the New Frontier, which appealed to the best in American idealism in creating the Peace Corps, launching the United States' space program, and calling for Americans to consider what they could do for their country; and

WHEREAS, President John F. Kennedy, was an exponent of racial justice, calling on all Americans to denounce racism as morally wrong, and proposed legislation that eventually became the 1964 Civil Rights Act that changed the United States; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, President John F. Kennedy guided the United States with a steady hand; and

WHEREAS, President John F. Kennedy's life ended too soon on November 22, 1963 at the prime of his life; and

WHEREAS, the City of Prattville, Alabama, the United States and the world have mourned President Kennedy's death for fifty years.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Gillespie Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville, Alabama, do hereby proclaim Friday, November 22, 2013 to be a day of solemn remembrance and reflection on the life of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, and that all residents of the city observe a moment of silence at 12:30PM.



Given Under My Hand and the Seal of the City of
Prattville on the 21st day of November 2013.

Bill Gillespie Jr.
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