



# Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

*WHEREAS, pets provide companionship to 68% of U.S. households; and*

*WHEREAS, more than 3,000 healthy and adoptable cats and dogs were surrendered to our local animal shelter last year due to a lack of critical resources and public awareness; and*

*WHEREAS, nearly 90% of pets living in poverty, and 98% of community (feral and stray) cats are unaltered; and*

*WHEREAS, spaying and neutering has been shown to dramatically reduce the number of animals who are put down in animal shelters; and*

*WHEREAS, programs exist to assist with the cost of spaying or neutering pets living in and around Montgomery; and*

*WHEREAS, veterinarians, national and local animal protection organizations, and private citizens worked together to ensure the spaying or neutering of more than 68,000 pets and community cats through "World Spay Day" in the United States and throughout the world in 2014; and*

*WHEREAS, veterinarians, national and local animal protection organizations, and private citizens have joined together again to advocate the spaying or neutering of pets and community cats on "World Spay Day 2015."*

*NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Gillespie Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville, Alabama, do hereby recognize February 24, 2015 as*

## *World Spay Day*

*in the City of Prattville, and urge the residents of Prattville to observe this day by having their own pets spayed or neutered or by sponsoring the spaying or neutering of a pet in need.*



Given Under My Hand and the Seal of the City of  
Prattville on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 2015.

*Bill Gillespie Jr.*  
Mayor Bill Gillespie Jr.