Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem that depends on involvement among people throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable; and

WHEREAS, mistreatment of children occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and unable to cope; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect not only directly harm children, but also increase the likelihood of criminal behavior, substance abuse, health problems, and risky behavior; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure each family has the support they need to raise their children in a healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, all citizens should become involved in supporting families in raising their children in a safe, nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Gillespie, Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2015, as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

In Prattville, Alabama, and call upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

Given Under My Hand and the Seal of the City of Prattville on the 1st day of April 2015.

Bill Gillespie Jr.

Mayor Bill Gillespie, Jr.