



# Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

*WHEREAS, planting and caring for trees helps increase energy savings, clean the air and water and beautify our City; and*

*WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and*

*WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood, fuel for our fires, and countless other products; and*

*WHEREAS, the Arbor Day Foundation sponsors the Tree City USA program and provides assistance, direction, and recognition for urban forestry programs. There are currently 68 Tree City USA communities in the State of Alabama and this year, the City of Prattville will celebrate 31 years of being distinguished with this designation; and*

*WHEREAS, trees properly planted and appropriately cared for contribute immensely to our wonderful City; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Prattville will join Autauga County, Alabama Forestry, the Autauga Forestry & Wildlife Stewardship Council and Alabama Power this year to celebrate Arbor Day, hand out seedlings and also present signage for the Co-Champion Beech tree located in Wilderness Park.*

*NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Gillespie Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville, Alabama, do hereby recognize February 27, 2016 as*

## Arbor Day

*in the City of Prattville, and urge our residents to not only observe this day, but also to join us at the Autauga County Courthouse from 9am to Noon to receive seedlings to plant.*



Given Under My Hand and the Seal of the City of  
Prattville on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 2016.

*Bill Gillespie Jr.*

Mayor Bill Gillespie Jr.