



Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

WHEREAS, Fred Nall Hollis, known simply as The Artist Nall, was born in Troy and grew up in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Nall earned a degree in Art, Political Science and Psychology from the University of Alabama, studied four years at the prestigious École National de Beaux-Arts in Paris, and was mentored by the artist Salvador Dali; and

WHEREAS, Nall has exhibited his artwork throughout the United States and abroad, including Switzerland, Paris, Monaco, Germany, Italy, Russia, Japan, Lebanon, Spain, Mexico, and others; has had studios in France and Italy for many years; his work is collected by the Prince of Monaco among other prestigious collections; and Nall has returned to his home state of Alabama and set up a working studio and gallery in Fairhope; and

WHEREAS, Nall started the Nall Foundation, which works with young artists who might not otherwise have the chance to study art and works with substance abuse addicts to help them express themselves and work through their addictions; and

WHEREAS, Nall was awarded a Doctorate Honoris Causa from Troy University, was named Alabama's Distinguished Artist of the Year by the Alabama State Council on the Arts, was inducted into the Alabama Artist Hall of Fame, and was Knighted Sir Nall Hollis by King Victor Emmanuel of Italy in the St. Maurice & Lazzaro Order; and

*WHEREAS, Nall has had many commissioned pieces by prominent collections throughout the world, has published award-winning books, created designs for fine porcelain for Royal Limoges, Haviland & Parlon, and others; created sets and costumes for National Puccini Foundation, for *Girl of the Golden West* and *La Rondine*, among many other creative ventures; and*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Gillespie, Jr., Mayor, do hereby PROCLAIM Saturday, March 12, 2016, as

FRED NALL HOLLIS DAY

in Prattville, Alabama, and urge our citizens to recognize and commend The Artist Nall for his significant contribution to the arts and sharing his talent with the people of Alabama.

*Given Under My Hand and the Seal of the City of
Prattville on the 12th day of March 2016.*

Bill Gillespie Jr.

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