



# Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

*WHEREAS, The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration gives us the opportunity for all Americans to recognize, honor and thank our Vietnam Veterans and their families for their service and sacrifices during the Vietnam War from November 1, 1955 through May 15, 1975;*

*WHEREAS, more than 9,000 organizations across America have joined with the Department of Defense as Commemorative Partners to honor our Nation's Vietnam Veterans, including all 75 Chapters of the Alabama Society Daughters of the American Revolution, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution;*

*WHEREAS, this commemoration includes the nine million Americans, approximately seven million living today, who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during this period, and makes no distinction between those who served in-country, in-theater, or were stationed elsewhere during those 20 years - all answered the call of duty; and*

*WHEREAS, Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert A. McDonald has designated March 29<sup>th</sup> as a day to honor those who have "borne the battle," and to extend gratitude and appreciation to them and their families. March 29<sup>th</sup> holds significance as the last day that U.S. troops were on the ground in Vietnam.*

*NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Gillespie Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville, Alabama, do hereby recognize March 29, 2019 as*

## Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day

*in the City of Prattville, and urge our residents to not only observe this day, but also to join us in thanking our Vietnam Veterans for their service and sacrifice to this nation on this much-deserved occasion.*

*Given Under My Hand and the Seal of the City of  
Prattville on the 22nd day of March 2019.*

*Bill Gillespie Jr.*

*Mayor Bill Gillespie Jr.*

