



Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

WHEREAS, firefighters have been a part of the American scene since the earliest Colonial days;

WHEREAS, from the bucket brigades of Colonial America, we have progressed to the modern fire departments and modern firefighting equipment of today;

WHEREAS, fire hazards have more than kept with our advanced technology and social progress and the American firefighter today must meet the challenge of fires caused by numerous new chemicals, explosives, combustible fibers, and other dangerous materials. Firefighters must be prepared to fight fires in crowded cities and giant buildings, as well as in remote rural communities. Those duties are often performed at great personal risk and sacrifice;

WHEREAS, the services of firefighters are among the first to be sought in many emergency situations. Whether to rescue a stranded child, or to give aid and comfort to victims of a flood, hurricane, or other disaster, the American firefighter stands ready to serve his/her community day and night; and

WHEREAS, President Lyndon B. Johnson desired to provide the people of this nation a special opportunity to express their heartfelt gratitude for the incalculable contributions which our firefighters so generously bestow upon us, Congress, by joint resolution, approved May 4th to be designated as a Day of Recognition of the personal sacrifices and devotion of firefighters in the United States of America.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Gillespie Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville, Alabama, do hereby recognize May 4, 2020 as a

Firefighter Appreciation Day

in the City of Prattville, and urge the residents of Prattville to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies in honor of our firefighters who are safeguarding the lives and properties of their fellow Americans.



Given Under My Hand and the Seal of the City of
Prattville on the 30th day of April 2020.

Bill Gillespie Jr.

Mayor Bill Gillespie Jr.