



Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a very real problem facing the world today, and although it can take many forms, every case goes against the core principles of individual freedom and civil rights that our state and nation stand for; and

WHEREAS, the City of Prattville, Alabama is committed to ensuring that our community remains on the front lines in combating this deplorable crime; and

WHEREAS, due to its secretive and illegal nature, it is difficult to quantify the extent of human trafficking accurately. However, the U.S. Department of State estimates that anywhere from 600,000 to 800,000 people are trafficked across international borders each year. Most victims of human trafficking are women and children who have been marginalized and isolated from society. The difficulty in grasping the full scope of this problem is compounded further because people often turn a blind eye to it; and

WHEREAS, the first step in eliminating human trafficking is to educate others. We must work to ensure that all of our residents are aware of this problem and how to identify it. We must work together as a community to punish human traffickers to the fullest extent of the law while protecting and assisting their victims. Together, we can become more informed about this pressing issue and work to end all human trafficking.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Gillespie, Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville, Alabama do hereby proclaim January 2021, as

Human Trafficking Awareness Month

in Prattville, Alabama.

Given Under My Hand and the Seal of the City of
Prattville on the 1st day of January 2021.

Bill Gillespie Jr.

Mayor Bill Gillespie, Jr.

