



# Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

*WHEREAS, autism is a devastating, lifelong, and often incapacitating developmental disability, resulting in significant impairment of an individual's ability to learn, develop healthy interactive relationships, and understand verbal, nonverbal, and reciprocal communications; and*

*WHEREAS, autism is the result of neurological dysfunction, directly effecting the functioning of the brain, and few members of the general public understand the complexity of this disorder; and*

*WHEREAS, although a cure for autism has not yet been found, persons with this disorder can reach their greatest potential through accurate, early diagnosis and appropriate education and intervention, which are vital to the future growth and development of the individuals; and*

*WHEREAS, autism in its complexity, requires both increased research in order to find a cure and great recognition and understanding in order to ensure that individuals with Autism living in our community, our state and throughout our country are accurately diagnosed, effectively educated, and appropriately treated throughout the duration of their lives.*

*NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Gillespie, Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville, Alabama, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2023 as*

## Autism Awareness Month

*in Prattville, Alabama and I urge all citizens to educate themselves on this disorder, and to support organizations which strive to help those affected by this disorder and find a cure.*



Given Under My Hand and the Seal of the City of  
Prattville on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 2023.

*Bill Gillespie Jr.*

Mayor Bill Gillespie, Jr.