



# Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

*WHEREAS, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Prattville Police Department; and*

*WHEREAS, nearly 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in approximately 16,000 injuries; and*

*WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1791, almost 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including 1 member of the Prattville Police Department; and*

*WHEREAS, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and*

*WHEREAS, 556 new names of fallen heroes have been added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in; and*

*WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Candlelight Vigil, Virtual on the evening of May 13, 2023; and*

*WHEREAS, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week.*

*NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Gillespie Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville, Alabama, do hereby recognize May 14<sup>th</sup> through May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as*

## Police Week

*and proclaim May 15, 2023 as*

## Peace Officers Memorial Day

*in the City of Prattville and call upon all Prattvillians to display the flag at half-staff from their homes and businesses on this day. Please join me in publicly saluting the service of our law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.*

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

*Bill Gillespie Jr.*

Mayor Bill Gillespie Jr.

