



# Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

*WHEREAS, planting and caring for trees helps increase energy savings, clean the air and water, and beautify our city; and*

*WHEREAS, trees can decrease the erosion of our topsoil from wind and water, provide shade to reduce heating and cooling costs, help moderate the temperature, purify the air, produce oxygen, and provide a habitat for wildlife; and*

*WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource that provides paper, wood, fuel for fires, and countless other products that we have relied on for many years; and*

*WHEREAS, the Arbor Day Foundation sponsors the Tree City USA program and provides assistance, direction, and recognition for urban forestry programs. There are currently 87 Tree City USA communities in the State of Alabama and this year the City of Prattville will celebrate 38 years of having this distinguished designation; and*

*WHEREAS, trees properly planted and appropriately cared for contribute immensely to our wonderful city.*

*NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Gillespie, Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville, Alabama do hereby proclaim Saturday, February 17, 2024 as*

## ARBOR DAY

*in the City of Prattville.*



Given Under My Hand and the Seal of the City of  
Prattville on the 5th day of February 2024.

*Bill Gillespie Jr.*

Mayor Bill Gillespie, Jr.