

Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

WHEREAS, engineers use their scientific skills and specialized knowledge in creative and innovative ways to fulfill society's needs; and

WHEREAS, engineers help solve major technological challenges of our time - from designing efficient building systems to rebuilding towns devastated by natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, engineering has been called the invisible or stealth profession because everything around us and things we use every day have been engineered in some way, yet we may not see the engineers behind the scenes or know much about engineering; and

WHEREAS, National Engineers Week is an initiative of the National Engineers Week Foundation, a formal coalition of more than 100 professional societies, major corporations, and governmental agencies that promote a diverse and well-educated future engineering work force by increasing awareness of engineering and technology careers; and

WHEREAS, Engineers Week also raises public understanding and appreciation of engineers' contributions to society. Founded in 1951 by the National Society of Professional Engineers, it is among the oldest of America's professional outreach efforts. National Engineers Week is traditionally observed during the week of George Washington's actual birthday, who is often referred to as the country's first engineer; and

WHEREAS, City Engineer Robby Anderson and his department have consistently made Prattville better one project at a time; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Gillespie also acknowledges all the engineering companies in our area that we have partnered with to achieve great improvements throughout our great City.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Gillespie Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville, Alabama, do hereby recognize February 18th through 24th, 2023 as

National Engineers Week

in the City of Prattville and call upon all Prattvillians to join us in publicly thanking our Engineering Department and the tremendous service they provide to our community.

Given Under My Hand and the Seal of the City of Prattville on the $1^{\rm tl}$ day of February 2024.

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