



Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

WHEREAS, The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration gives us the opportunity for all Americans to recognize, honor and thank our Vietnam Veterans and their families for their service and sacrifices during the Vietnam War from November 1, 1955 through May 15, 1975; and

WHEREAS, more than 9,000 organizations across America have joined with the Department of Defense as Commemorative Partners to honor our Nation's Vietnam Veterans, including all 75 Chapters of the Alabama Society Daughters of the American Revolution, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, this commemoration includes the nine million Americans, approximately seven million living today, who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during this period, and makes no distinction between those who served in-country, in-theater, or were stationed elsewhere during those 20 years - all answered the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert A. McDonald has designated March 29th as a day to honor those who have "borne the battle," and to extend gratitude and appreciation to them and their families. March 29th holds significance as the last day that U.S. troops were on the ground in Vietnam.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Gillespie Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville, Alabama, do hereby recognize March 29, 2024 as

Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day

in the City of Prattville, and urge our residents to not only observe this day, but also to join us in thanking our Vietnam Veterans for their service and sacrifice to this nation on this much-deserved occasion.

Given Under My Hand and the Seal of the City of
Prattville on the 7th day of March 2024.

Bill Gillespie Jr.

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