



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 2024 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 1st day of April 2024.



Mayor Bill Gillespie, Jr.

