



Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

WHEREAS, we have the freedoms of today because of the contributions of the servicemembers willing to depart from the comforts of their families and homes to answer the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Department of Defense, more than 1.6 million children face challenges and unique experiences due to their parent's willingness to protect our country; and

WHEREAS, Month of Military Child was established in 1986 to recognize and honor military children for their commitment, sacrifice, strength, and unconditional support of our troops; and

WHEREAS, on average, military children move every two to three years which impacts their mental health, education, and extracurricular activities. According to the Bob Woodruff Foundation, last year, 43 percent of military children rated their mental health as fair, poor, or very poor; and

WHEREAS, the Month of the Military Child reminds us of our opportunity as citizens to provide educational pursuits, community involvement, and loving arms to those whose parents are away serving.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Gillespie, Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2024 as

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

in Prattville, Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Seal of the City
of Prattville on the 1st day of April 2024.

Bill Gillespie Jr.

Mayor Bill Gillespie, Jr.