



Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a problem in the City of Prattville, the state and the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Autauga County Task Force on Domestic Violence is actively seeking to educate Prattville and Autauga County residences, and businesses regarding the facts about domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, two incidents of domestic violence are reported to police every minute, and the Prattville Police Department received an estimate 412 domestic violence-related complaints in the year 2009; and

WHEREAS, 1.5 million women in the United States are assaulted by their intimate partners every year. In data received in 2008, there were 34 domestic homicides reported, 24% of the victims were males, and 76% were females, and a firearm was the weapon used in 82% of the homicides. Of the homicides, 53% of the victims were the wife or ex-wife of the offender; 12% of the victims were the husband or ex-husband. 73% of the homicides occurred at a residence; 34 domestic homicides reported 26 domestic homicides were cleared; and

WHEREAS, of 1200 employed adults 18 and over 44% personally experienced domestic violence and the effects in their workplaces; and 64% of victims of domestic violence indicated that their ability to work was affected by the violence; and

WHEREAS, of the approximately 1.7 million incidents of workplace violence that occur in the US every year, approximately 18,700 (1.1 percent) are committed by an intimate, current or former spouse, lover, partner, or boyfriend/girlfriend; and

WHEREAS, the law enforcement, judicial and shelter/support programs in Autauga and Montgomery County work together on a daily basis, to protect, defend and provide shelter and support for victims of domestic violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Jim Byard, Jr., City of Prattville do hereby proclaim October, 2010, as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in recognition of the many families who are victims of domestic violence and to bring the city's attention to the devastating impact of domestic violence in our neighborhoods and communities and workplaces.



In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of this City to be affixed.

Mayor: 

October 1, 2010