

Proclamation

Declaring the Month of May as Pell City History Month

Whereas, in the late Nineteenth Century, a young insurance salesman en route to Talladega missed his train, and, thus, was forced to spend a night in Pell City; and

Whereas, this man, Sumter Cogswell, would choose to invest in the growth of this community, and

Whereas, Mr. Cogswell founded the City of Pell City in 1890; and the City of Pell City was officially incorporated on May 6, 1891; and

Whereas, with the direction and investment of visionary leaders, Pell City has continued to grow and flourish; and

Whereas, on May 15, 2020, the Honorable US Congressman Mike Rogers recognized the 130th Anniversary of the City of Pell City in the United States Congressional Record; and

Whereas, 2025 marks the 135th Anniversary of the City of Pell City; and

Whereas, the mission of the Pell City Historical Society, established in 2022, is to preserve and promote the rich history of Pell City; and

Whereas, the Pell City Historical Society has celebrated "Pell City History Day" in April each year since its founding; and

Whereas, the Pell City Historical Society seeks to align the recognition of Pell City History with the anniversary of the City's Date of Incorporation, May 6; and

Whereas, the Pell City Historical Society desires to extend this celebration.

Now, Therefore, we, William T. Pruitt, IV, as Mayor of the City of Pell City, the City Council, and City Manager, proclaim that in 2025 this 135th Anniversary of our great city shall be remembered with pride, and that May 2025 and each May thereafter shall be designated Pell City History Month.