



City of Montgomery, Alabama
Office of the Mayor
Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** *approximately 3,000 Americans die each year from mesothelioma, an aggressive cancer of the linings of the lungs, abdomen, heart or testicles; and*
- WHEREAS,** *human use of asbestos in the built environment and in products is the main cause of mesothelioma; and*
- WHEREAS,** *the heavy use of asbestos in manufacturing, industry and construction has been recognized as "the worst occupational health disaster in U.S. history"; and*
- WHEREAS,** *asbestos was used in the construction of virtually all office buildings, public schools, and homes built before 1975; and*
- WHEREAS,** *a high percentage of all mesothelioma victims were exposed to asbestos on Naval ships and in shipyards; and*
- WHEREAS,** *it is believed that many of the firefighters, police officers, and rescue workers from Ground Zero on 9/11/01 may be at increased risk of contracting mesothelioma; and*
- WHEREAS,** *exposure to asbestos for as little as one month can result in mesothelioma thirty years later; and*
- WHEREAS,** *for decades the need for research to develop effective treatments for mesothelioma was overlooked; and*
- WHEREAS,** *the result of this neglect is that treatments available today generally have only limited effect and most patients succumb within only twelve to fifteen months from diagnosis; and*
- WHEREAS,** *the establishment of Mesothelioma Awareness Day would raise public awareness of the disease of the need to develop effective treatments for it; and*
- NOW, THEREFORE,** *I, Bobby N. Bright, Mayor of the City of Montgomery, Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 26, 2008 as*

MESOTHELIOMA AWARENESS DAY
in Montgomery



In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Montgomery to be affixed this 19th day of September 2008.

Bobby Bright

Mayor