



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, alienating behaviors are often found in high-conflict divorce or never married and asymmetrical custody arrangements; and*

*WHEREAS, speaking negatively about a parent to or in front of a child; interfering with communication and visitation; and discussing inappropriate information with a child, such as details of the separation, court proceedings or financial matters, are behaviors that can not only destroy the bond between a loving parent and child, but can cause a child mental and emotional harm; and*

*WHEREAS, parental alienation takes advantage of the impressionable and dependant nature of children, and deprives children of their right to love and be loved by both parents; and*

*WHEREAS, parental alienation is considered harmful to children, as the alienating tactics are confusing, frightening and rob children of their sense of security; and*

*WHEREAS, professionals agree that the problem of parental alienation is damaging to children and can affect them into adulthood, with tragic consequences; and*

*WHEREAS, in 2011, there were more than 20,000 divorced Alabamians, almost 25,000 unwed births and approximately 40,000 children in Alabama subjected to child custody determination; and*

*WHEREAS, with awareness come education and understanding, and the power to stop the abuse of innocent children caught in the crossfire of the people they love:*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert Bentley, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim the week of April 21 through April 27, 2013, as*

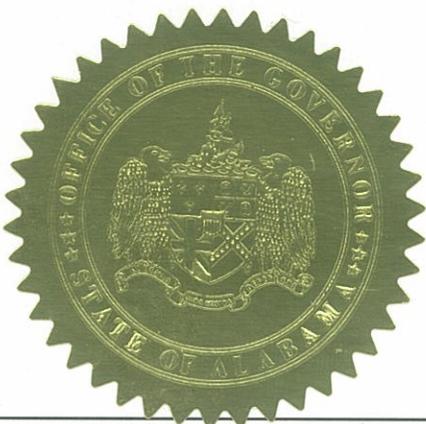
## Parental Alienation Prevention Week

*and April 25, 2013, as*

## Parental Alienation Prevention Day

*in the state of Alabama.*

*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2013.*



*Robert Bentley*  
Robert Bentley, Governor