



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF ALABASTER

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, parental alienation is a term used to describe psychological manipulation of a child, subtle or overt, resulting in fear, disrespect, or hostility towards another parent. Parental alienation is a widespread form of psychological abuse occurring almost exclusively in high-conflict family separations and divorces. Children have a right to love, be loved and supported by both parents, and their extended families; and,

WHEREAS, mental health professionals agree the negative effects of parental alienation can follow a child into adulthood with tragic consequences. The 2013 publication of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5) made reference to this form of psychological abuse in children; and,


WHEREAS, Parental Alienation Prevention Week is intended to bring awareness and combat this type of abusive behavior from hostile parents. The Parental Alienation Awareness sponsors are motivated by the knowledge of God's love for us; therefore, we must love one another and teach children FAMILY means Father And Mother, I Love You; and,

WHEREAS, Parental Alienation Prevention Week also includes blowing soap "Bubbles for Love" at noon, on Monday, April 25th, in support of strong, lasting family relationships which encourage children to love both parents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Marty B. Handlon, Mayor of the City of Alabaster, do hereby proclaim April 24 through April 30, 2016, as **Parental Alienation Prevention Week** and April 25, 2016, as **Parental Alienation Awareness "Bubbles of Love" Day**.



WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alabaster, Alabama to be affixed, this 11th day of April, 2016.



Mayor Marty B. Handlon

ATTEST:



George Henry, City Clerk

