## City of Andalusia



## **PROCLAMATION**

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

WHEREAS: With awareness comes education and understanding, and the power to stop the abuse of innocent children caught in the crossfire of the people they love; dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another;

WHEREAS: Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. This year organizers are doing something special by asking everyone to take 10 minutes out of their day at noon on April 25<sup>th</sup>, anywhere in the state, and blow soap bubbles representing love.

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Earl V. Johnson, by the virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Andalusia, do hereby proclaim that Parent Alienation Awareness Day shall be observed in our City, Thursday, April 25, 2013, and urge each citizen to take part.

WITNESS MY HAND this 5th day of March, 2013.

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

Earl V. Johnson, Mayor