

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Strong family relationships constitute the foundation of our community; and

WHEREAS: Alienating behaviors are frequently seen in high-conflict divorces, separations and asymmetrical custody arrangements but can occur in intact marriages; and

WHEREAS: Parental Alienation is a term used to describe any number of behaviors and attitudes on the part of one parent, both parents or third party designed to interfere, damage or destroy the relationship a child has with their other parent. It's a form of abuse that causes emotional trauma to children; and

WHEREAS: Parental Alienation deprives children of their right to freely love and be loved by both parents, their extended families and robs children of their sense of security; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all Alabamians to visit paawareness.com for information on raising awareness to stop Parental Alienation, and we call on community and state leaders to support shared parenting because of its benefits for children.

WHEREAS: The recently published Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5) made several references to the dysfunctional family dynamic of alienation to be a form of psychological child abuse; and


WHEREAS: Approximately 40,000 children in the State of Alabama were subjected to child custody determinations in 2014; and

WHEREAS: Parental Alienation Prevention Awareness is intended to increase the knowledge and understanding of this problem to help Alabamians, institutions, the legal and mental health community and leaders to better identify and combat this abusive behavior to children; and

WHEREAS: God so loved us, we also ought to love one another; love does no harm to its neighbor; therefore Children should be able to freely express the meaning of F.A.M.I.L.Y.; Father And Mother, I Love You; and

WHEREAS: In honor of Parental Alienation Prevention and Awareness, show your support by taking a moment to blow soap "Bubbles For Love". Each bubble we blow represents the love our children have and should be allowed to share with both their parents.

NOW, THEREFORE I, KEN WESSON, Mayor of the City of Childersburg, Alabama recognize on this 2nd day of May 2017 recognize the importance of educating Alabamians about
PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS "Bubbles For Love"



Ken Wesson, Mayor

Attest:

