

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, there are many children of divorced and separated Alabamians;

WHEREAS, alienating behaviors are often found in high conflict divorce and custody situations;

WHEREAS, speaking negatively about a parent to or in front of that parent's child, interfering with communication and visitation rights a parent may possess through divorce or separation, and discussing inappropriate information with a child of divorced or separated parents, can harm the bond between a loving parent and child as well as cause a child mental and emotional harm;

WHEREAS, parental alienation deprives children of their right to love and be loved by both parents and robs children of their sense of security;

WHEREAS, children should not be harmed and are entitled to the loving care of their parents;

WHEREAS, awareness brings education, understanding and protection for innocent children suffering the effects of alienating behaviors and caught in the crossfire of the people that they love and; and

WHEREAS, the organizers of the Parental Alienation Prevention Week have requested that citizens blow soap bubbles at 12 noon on April 25, 2014 for love in an effort to educate and end parental alienation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary Ivey, Mayor of the City of Hoover, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM that, within the bounds of the law, children should not be alienated from their parents.

I FURTHER PROCLAIM the week of April 20 through 26, 2014 as Parental Alienation Prevention Week and April 25, 2014 as Parental Alienation Awareness Day.

DATED this the 1st day of April, 2014.

Gary Ivey, Mayo

Jack Wright, President of the Council

ATTEST:

Margie Handley - City Clerk