

PROCLAMATION

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

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

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; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the organizers of the Parental Alienation Prevention Week have requested that citizens blow soap bubbles at 12 noon on April 25, 2016 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 24 through April 30, 2016 as *Parental Alienation Awareness Week* and April 25, 2016 as *Parental Alienation Awareness Day* in the City of Hoover.

DATED this the 18th day of April, 2016.

Gary Ivey - Mayor

Jack Wright - President of the Council

ATTEST: