

City of Montgomery, Alabama

Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, these behaviors, such as 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 marriage, court proceedings, or financial matters, can not only destroy the bond between a loving parent and child, but can cause mental and emotional harm to the child; and

WHEREAS, parental alienation takes advantage of the suggestibility and dependency of children; and

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

WHEREAS, parental alienation is considered harmful to children as the alienating tactics used on the children are confusing, frightening, and rob children of their sense of security; and

WHEREAS, professionals agree that the problem of parental alienation is damaging to children and can affect them into adulthood with tragic consequences; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 2.4 million divorced North Americans (more than 20,000 in Alabama in 2009) including the parents of more than one million children under the age of eighteen, with nearly as many unmarried couples with children separating; 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;

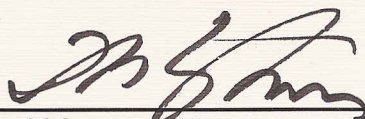
NOW THEREFORE, I Todd Strange, Mayor of the City of Montgomery do hereby proclaim April 24 – 30, 20011, as

PARENTAL ALIENATION PREVENTION WEEK

and do hereby proclaim April 25, 2011, as

PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal to be affixed on this 15th day of March 2011.


Todd Strange, Mayor

