



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, strong family relationships constitute the bedrock of our community; and

WHEREAS, alienating behaviors are sometimes present in high-conflict divorce, separations and asymmetrical custody arrangements; and

WHEREAS, verbal abuse associated with parental alienation can be as harmful and painful as physical abuse; and

WHEREAS, inappropriate information shared with a child can destroy the bond between parent and child; and

WHEREAS, parental alienation takes advantage of the innocent and impressionable; and

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

WHEREAS, mental professional agree the negative effects of parental alienation can follow a child into adulthood with permanent consequences; and

WHEREAS, there were more than 20,000 divorced Alabamians and approximately 40,000 children in the State of Alabama subjected to child custody determination; and

WHEREAS, parental alienation can be mitigated through public awareness, education, understanding and unconditional love; and

WHEREAS, the organizers of Parental Alienation Prevention Week are asking everyone to blow soap bubbles at noon on April 25th, each bubble representing the unconditional love for children.

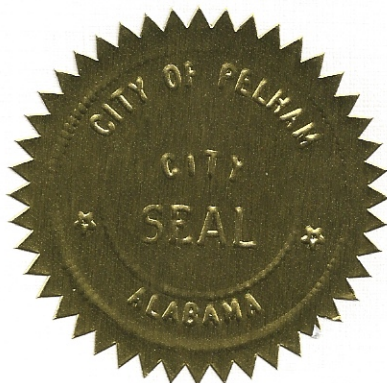
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary W. Waters, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Pelham, Shelby County, Alabama, do hereby proclaim the week of April 21st through April 27th as

PARENTAL ALIENATION PREVENTION WEEK

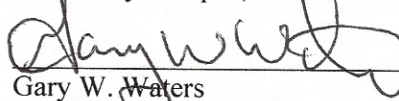
and April 25th as

PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY

in Pelham, Alabama.



Given under my hand,
in the City of Pelham, Alabama
this 4th day of April, 2013.


Gary W. Waters
Mayor