

Proclamation

*Office of the Mayor
Tuscaloosa, Alabama*



Whereas: Alienating behaviors are often found in high conflict divorce and custody situations; and

Whereas: Parental alienation takes advantage of the impressionable and dependant nature of children, depriving them of their right to love and be loved by both parents; and

Whereas: Parental alienation is considered harmful to children, as the alienating tactics are confusing, frightening and rob children of their sense of security; and

Whereas: There are more than 2.4 million divorced North Americans, and in 2010 there were more than 21,000 divorced Alabamians, including the parents of more than one million children under the age of eighteen, with nearly as many unmarried couples (in 2010 there were more than 25,000 unwed births) 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; dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another; and

Whereas: Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. This year organizers are doing something special by asking everyone to take 10 minutes out of their day at noon on April 25th, anywhere in the state, and blow soap bubbles representing love.

Now Therefore, I, Walter Maddox, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim April 25th, 2012, to be

“Parental Alienation Awareness Day”

in Tuscaloosa and encourage citizens to recognize the negative effects that parental alienation and hostile aggressive parenting has on the children of our community.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Corporate Seal of this City to be affixed this the 22nd day of February, 2012.

*Walter Maddox, Mayor
City of Tuscaloosa, Alabama*