



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Strong family relationships constitute the foundation of our community. Alienating behaviors are frequently seen in high-conflict divorces, separations, and asymmetrical custody arrangements but can occur in intact marriages; and

WHEREAS: Parental alienation describes behaviors and attitudes on the part of one parent or both parents designed to interfere or damage the relationship a child has with their other parent. It's a form of abuse that emotionally damages children and robs them of their sense of security; and

WHEREAS: Mental professionals agree that the negative effects of parental alienation can follow a child into adulthood with tragic consequences; and

WHEREAS: Approximately 40,000 children in the State of Alabama are subjected to child custody determination each year. Parental Alienation Prevention Week enhances the knowledge and understanding of this problem to help Alabamians, institutions, the legal and mental health community, and leaders to better identify and combat abusive behavior to children; and

WHEREAS: In honor of Parental Alienation Prevention Week, come and show your support by taking ten minutes out of your day at noon, on April 25, to blow soap "Bubbles For Love". Each bubble we blow represents the love our children have and should be allowed to share with both their parents.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Mayor Walt Maddox, on behalf of the City Council of Tuscaloosa, do hereby proclaim April 21 through April 27, 2019 to be

"Parental Alienation Prevention Week"

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 the City to be affixed this the 9th day of April 2019.



**MAYOR WALTER MADDUX,
CITY OF TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA**