



City of Winston-Salem

Proclamation

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

- WHEREAS:** alienating behaviors are often found in high conflict divorce or never married and asymmetrical custody arrangements; and
- WHEREAS:** 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 separation, court proceedings, or financial matters, are behaviors that can not only destroy the bond between a loving parent and child, but can cause child mental and emotional harm; and
- WHEREAS:** parental alienation takes advantage of the impressionable and dependent nature 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 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:** 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.

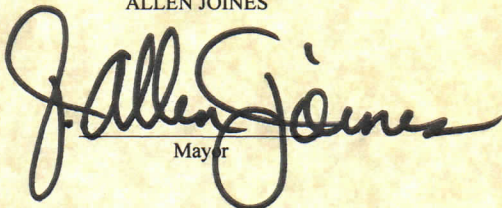
NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALLEN JOINES, Mayor of the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 20 through 26, 2014

PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS WEEK

in Winston-Salem, and commend the positive influence of the members on this city.

Given under my hand and seal this 19th day of April, 2014.

ALLEN JOINES


Mayor

