



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF ALABASTER

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, parental alienation is a term used to describe psychological manipulation of a child, subtle or overt, resulting in fear, disrespect, or hostility towards another parent. Parental alienation is a widespread form of psychological abuse occurring in high-conflict family separations and divorces. Children have a right to love, be loved, and supported by both parents and extended family; and,

WHEREAS, mental health professionals agree the negative effects of parental alienation can follow a child into adulthood, with tragic consequences. The 2013 publication of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5) referenced this form of psychological abuse in children; and,

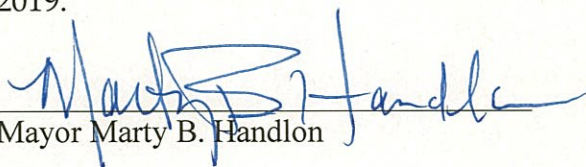
WHEREAS, Parental Alienation Prevention Week brings awareness in order to prevent abusive behavior of hostile parents. The Parental Alienation Awareness sponsors are motivated by God's love for us, to love one another, and teach children about the love and bond of FAMILY; and,

WHEREAS, Parental Alienation Prevention Week promotes blowing soap "Bubbles for Love" at noon, Wednesday, April 25th, in support of strong family relationships, and encourage children to love both parents.

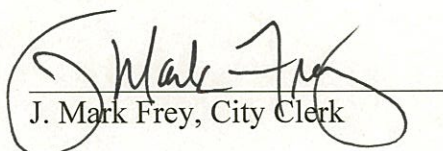
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Marty B. Handlon, Mayor of the City of Alabaster, do hereby proclaim April 21 through April 27, 2019, as **Parental Alienation Prevention Week** and April 25, 2019, as **Parental Alienation Awareness "Bubbles of Love" Day**.



WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alabaster, Alabama to be affixed, this 18th day of March 2019.


Mayor Marty B. Handlon

ATTEST:


J. Mark Frey, City Clerk

