

Mayor William E. Cooper, Sr.

Enterprise, Alabama

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Strong family relationships constitute the foundation of our community; and

WHEREAS: Alienating behaviors are frequently seen in high-conflict divorces, separations, and asymmetrical custody arrangements but can occur in intact marriages; and

WHEREAS: Parental alienation is a term used to describe any number of behaviors and attitudes on the part of one parent or both parents designed to interfere, damage or destroy the relationship a child has with their other parent. It's a form of abuse that causes emotional trauma to children; and

WHEREAS: Parental alienation deprives children of their right to freely love and be loved by both parents, their extended family, and robs children 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.

WHEREAS: Approximately 40,000 children in the State of Alabama experience court ordered visitation with one parent for only two to six days a month; and

WHEREAS: Parental Alienation Prevention Week is intended to increase the knowledge and understanding of this problem to help Alabamians, institutions, the legal and mental health community, and leaders to better identify and combat such abusive behavior to children; and

WHEREAS: God so loved us, we also ought to love one another; love does no harm to its neighbor; therefore Children should be able to freely express the meaning of F.A.M.I.L.Y.; **F**ather **A**nd **M**other, **I** **L**ove **Y**ou; and

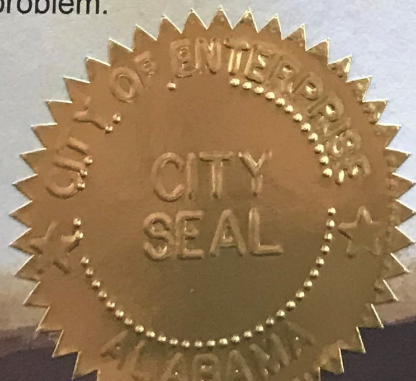
NOW, THEREFORE, I, William E. Cooper, Sr., Mayor of the City of Enterprise, Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 22 through April 28, 2018, as

PARENTAL ALIENATION PREVENTION WEEK

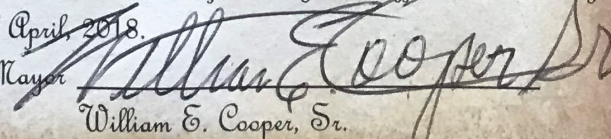
And April 25, 2018, as

PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS "Bubbles of Love" DAY

In the City of Enterprise and do hereby urge all citizens to join in the observance by blowing bubbles for 10 minutes beginning at noon and giving their support to the Alabama Family Rights Association in an attempt to make law officials, court officials and members of our society aware of this growing problem.



In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of this city to be affixed this 18th day of April, 2018.

Mayor 
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