

## **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, there are many children of divorced and separated Alabamians;

WHEREAS, alienating behaviors are often found in high conflict divorce and custody situations;

WHEREAS, speaking negatively about a parent to or in front of that parent's child, interfering with communication and visitation rights a parent may possess through divorce or separation, and discussing inappropriate information with a child of divorced or separated parents, can harm the bond between a loving parent and child as well as cause a child mental and emotional harm;

WHEREAS, parental alienation deprives children of their right to love and be loved by both parents and robs children of their sense of security;

**WHEREAS**, children should not be harmed and are entitled to the loving care of their parents;

WHEREAS, awareness brings education, understanding and protection for innocent children suffering the effects of alienating behaviors and caught in the crossfire of the people that they love and; and

WHEREAS, The Alabama Family Rights Association, organizers of the Parental Alienation Prevention Awareness Day and Week, have requested that citizens take ten minutes out of their day at 12 noon on Thursday, April 25, 2013 to blow bubbles for love in an effort to educate and end parental alienation.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Gary Ivey, Mayor of the City of Hoover, on behalf of the City of Hoover, **DO HEREBY PROCLAIM** that, within the bounds of the law, children should not be alienated from their parents.

I FURTHER PROCLAIM that Monday, April 21, 2013 through Friday, April 27, 2013 is hereby recognized as *Parental Alienation Prevention Week* and that Thursday, April 25, 2013 is recognized as *Parental Alienation Awareness Day*.

DATED this the 4th day of March, 2013.

Gary Ivey, Mayor

Jack Wright, President of the Council

ATTEST:

Margie Handley - City Clerk