



PROCLAMATION

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

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

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; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, in honor of Parental Alienation prevention Week, show your support by taking 10 minutes out of your day at noon, on Tuesday, April 25, 2017, 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, I Frank V. Brocato, Mayor 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 the week of April 24 through April 30, 2017 as **Parental Alienation Awareness Week** and April 25, 2017 as **Parental Alienation Awareness Day** in the City of Hoover.

DATED this the 17th day of April, 2017.

Frank V. Brocato – Mayor

Gene Smith – President of the Council

ATTEST:

Margie Handley – City Clerk