



HUNTSVILLE

Tommy Battle
Mayor

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, 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; and
WHEREAS, the recently published Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5) made several references to the dysfunctional family dynamic of alienation to be a form of psychological child abuse; and
WHEREAS, approximately 40,000 children in the State of Alabama were subjected to child custody determination in 2013; 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
WHEREAS, in honor of **Parental Alienation Prevention Week**, come and show your support by taking 10 minutes out of your day at noon, on Monday, April 25, to blow soap "Bubbles for Love". Each bubble we blow will represent the love our children have and should be allowed to share with both their parents.
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tommy Battle, Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 24 through April 30, 2016, as

PARENTAL ALIENATION PREVENTION WEEK


and April 25, 2016, as

PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS "Bubbles of Love" DAY

in Huntsville, Alabama.

DATED this twenty-third day of March, 2016.




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The Star of Alabama