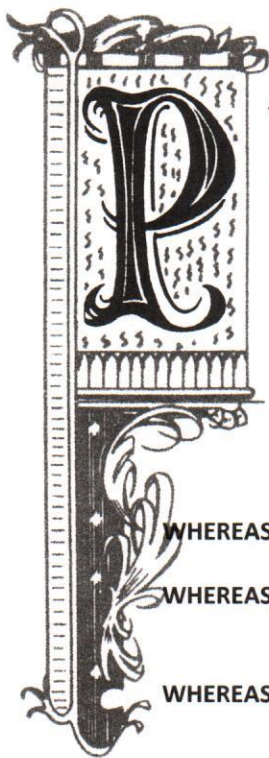


Office of the Mayor  
LaFayette, Alabama



# Proclamation

PARENTAL ALIENATION PREVENTION WEEK  
APRIL 21 THROUGH APRIL 27, 2019

AND  
PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS "Bubbles of Love" DAY  
APRIL 25, 2019

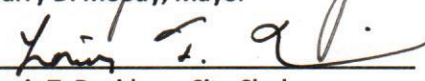
- WHEREAS, Strong family relationships constitute the foundation of our community; and
- WHEREAS, Alienating behaviors are frequently present in high-conflict divorces, separations, and asymmetrical custody arrangements but can occur in intact marriages; and
- WHEREAS, Parental alienation is a term used 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 Alabama children a year 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, 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** Love **Y**ou; and
- WHEREAS, In honor of Parental Alienation Prevention Week, come and show your support by taking 10 minutes out of your day to at noon, on Wednesday, 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, Barry D. Moody, Mayor of the City of LaFayette, Alabama 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 in LaFayette, Alabama.

Passed and Approved April 8, 2019.



  
Barry D. Moody, Mayor

Attest:   
Louis T. Davidson, City Clerk