

Office of the Mayor

Millbrook, Alabama

# Proclamation



**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 a child; interfering with communication and visitation; and discussing inappropriate information with a child, such as details of the separation, court proceedings, or financial matters are behaviors that can not only destroy the bond between a loving parent and child, but can cause a child, but can cause a child mental and emotional harm; and

**WHEREAS:** Parental alienation takes advantage of the impressionable and dependent nature of children and deprives children of their right to love and be loved by both parents; and

**WHEREAS:** There are ,more than 2.4 million divorced North Americans, and in 2010 there were more than 21,000 divorced Alabamians including the parents of more than one million children under the age of eighteen; and

**WHEREAS:** With awareness come education and understanding, and the power to stop the abuse of innocent children caught under the crossfire of the people they love; and

**WHEREAS:** Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. This year organizers are doing something special by asking everyone to take 10 minutes of their day at noon on April 25<sup>th</sup>, anywhere in the state, and blow soap bubbles representing love.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Al Kelley, Mayor of the City of Millbrook, do hereby proclaim April 22 through April 28, 2012, as

**PARENTAL ALIENATION PREVENTION WEEK**

And April 25, 2012, as

**PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS WEEK**



*In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.*

*Mayor Al Kelley*

ATTEST:

*Ceresa Mercer*

DATE:

*April 12, 2012*