

City of Robertsdale

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Strong family relationships constitute the foundation of our community, and alienating behaviors are frequently present in high-conflict divorces, separations, and asymmetrical custody arrangements; and behaviors such as speaking negatively about a parent to, or in front of, a child and interfering with parenting time and communication can not only destroy the bond between a loving parent and child, but can cause a child mental and emotional harm, as such alienating tactics are confusing, frightening, and rob children of their sense of security; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all Alabamians to visit paawareness.com for information on raising awareness to stop Parental Alienation, and we call on community and state leaders to support shared parenting because of its benefits for children; 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 approximately 40,000 children in the State of Alabama were subjected to child custody determination in 2014; 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 this 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.; Father And Mother, I Love You; and

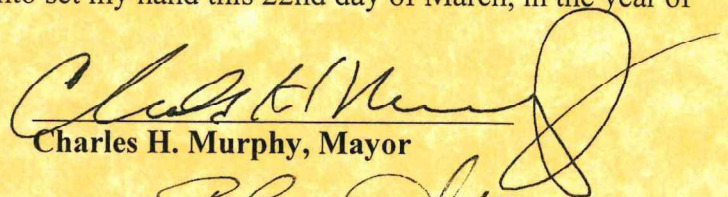
WHEREAS, In honor of Parental Alienation Prevention Week, come and show your support by taking 10 minutes out of your day at noon, on Wednesday, April 25th to blow soap "Bubbles For Love". Each bubble we blow represents the love our children have and should be allowed to share with both their parents.

NOW THEREFORE, I Charles H. Murphy, Mayor of the City of Robertsdale do hereby proclaim **April 22 through April 28, 2018** as:

"PARENTAL ALIENATION PREVENTION WEEK"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 22nd day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen.




Charles H. Murphy, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Shannon J. Hill, City Clerk

DATE: March 21, 2018