

# City of Robertsdale P r o c l a m a t i o n

**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 [paawarenessday.com](http://paawarenessday.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 Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 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 without fear or guilt;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I Charles H. Murphy, Mayor of the City of Robertsdale do hereby proclaim **April 21 through April 27, 2019** as:

## “PARENTAL ALIENATION PREVENTION WEEK”

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand this 4th day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen.

  
Charles H. Murphy, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Shannon J. Hill, City Clerk

DATE: April 9<sup>th</sup> 2019

