



Office of the Mayor

Troy, Alabama

Proclamation

PARENTAL ALIENATION PREVENTION WEEK

WHEREAS: Alienating behaviors are often found in high-conflict separations, divorces, and custody disputes, and takes away from the dependability and responsibility of a child; 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 mental and emotional harm; and

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

WHEREAS: Parental alienation is considered harmful to children, as the alienating tactics are confusing, frightening and rob children of their sense of security; and

WHEREAS: Professionals agree that the problem of parental alienation is damaging to children and can affect them into adulthood, with tragic consequences; and

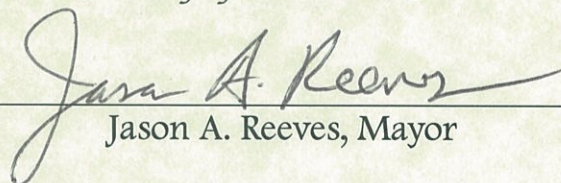
WHEREAS: There were more than 20,000 divorced Alabamians, almost 25,000 unwed births in 2011, and approximately 40,000 children in Alabama subjected to child custody determination; and

WHEREAS: With awareness comes education and understanding, and the power to stop the abuse of innocent children caught in these difficult circumstances; 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 out of their day at noon on April 25th, anywhere in the state, and blow soap bubbles representing love; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jason A. Reeves, Mayor of the City of Troy, Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 21 through April 27, 2013, as PARENTAL ALIENATION PREVENTION WEEK and April 25, 2013, as PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed on this the 15th day of March 2013.


Jason A. Reeves, Mayor

