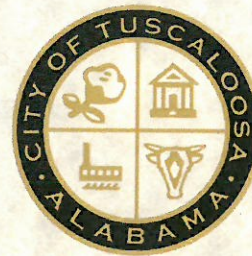


Proclamation

Office of the Mayor
Tuscaloosa, Alabama



Whereas: Parental alienation takes advantage of the innocent and impressionable, depriving children of their right to freely love and be loved by both parents and extended family; 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 approximately 40,000 children in the State of Alabama were subjected to child custody determination in 2013; 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 such abusive behavior to children; and

Whereas: The organizers of Parental Alienation Prevention Week are asking everyone to blow soap bubbles at noon on April 25th to show their support in spreading the simple message that children should be allowed to freely love both of their parents and extended family members; each free flowing bubble representing the love a child should have for his or her mother and father.

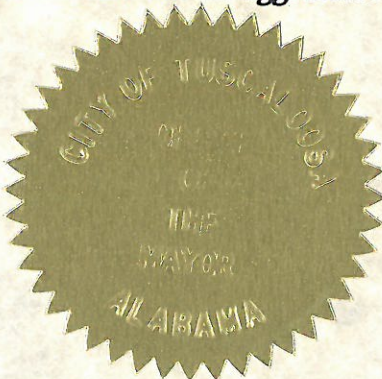
Now Therefore, I, Walter Maddox, as Mayor of the City of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim April 19-25, 2015, to be

"Parental Alienation Awareness Week"

and April 25th, 2015 to be

"Parental Alienation Awareness 'Bubbles of Love' Day"

in Tuscaloosa and encourage citizens to recognize the negative effects that parental alienation and hostile aggressive parenting has on the children of our community.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Corporate Seal of this City to be affixed this the 31st day of March, 2015.

Walter Maddox

Walter Maddox, Mayor
City of Tuscaloosa, Alabama