

Proclamation

Office of the Mayor
Tuscaloosa, Alabama



- Whereas:** Strong family relationships constitute the foundation of our community. Alienating behaviors are frequently seen in high-conflict divorces, separations, and asymmetrical custody arrangements but can occur in intact marriages; and
- Whereas:** Parental alienation describes any number of behaviors and attitudes on the part of one parent or both parents designed to interfere or damage the relationship a child has with their other parent. It's a form of abuse that emotionally damages children and robs them of their sense of security; and
- Whereas:** Mental professionals agree that the negative effects of parental alienation can follow a child into adulthood with tragic consequences; and
- Whereas:** Approximately 40,000 children in the State of Alabama were subjected to child custody determination in 2013. Parental Alienation Prevention Week enhances 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:** 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; **F**ather **A**nd **M**other, **I** Love **Y**ou; and
- Whereas:** The organizers of Parental Alienation Prevention Week are asking everyone to blow soap bubbles at noon, on Monday, April 25, to show their support in spreading the simple message that each child should be allowed to freely love both their parents.

Now Therefore, I, Walter Maddox, as Mayor of the City of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim April 24th through April 30th, 2016, to be

“Parental Alienation Prevention Week”

And April 25, 2016, as

“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 1st day of April, 2016.

Walter Maddox

Walter Maddox, Mayor
City of Tuscaloosa, Alabama