



# City of Winston-Salem

## Proclamation

### OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

- WHEREAS:** Parental Alienation Prevention Week is intended to increase the knowledge and understanding of this problem in Winston-Salem, NC and surrounding communities to better identify and combat such behaviors to our children; and
- WHEREAS:** some parents, however, in an effort to bolster their parental identity, create an expectation that children choose sides, they foster the child's rejection of the other parent, in some cases children are manipulated by one parent to dislike the other, despite children's innate desire to love and be loved by both their parents; and
- WHEREAS:** speaking negatively about a parent to a child, or discussing inappropriate information with a child, are behaviors that can change the bond between a loving parent and child, that may cause emotional harm; and
- WHEREAS:** mental professionals agree that the negative effects of parental alienation can follow a child into adulthood with heartbreaking consequences; and
- WHEREAS:** with awareness comes education and understanding, and the power to stop the abuse of innocent children caught in the crossfire of the people they love; and
- WHEREAS:** love is the fulfillment of the law; this year organizers are doing something special by asking everyone to take ten minutes out of their day at noon on April 25<sup>th</sup>, to blow soap bubbles in representing love.

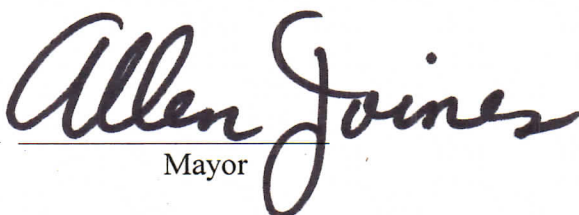
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALLEN JOINES**, Mayor of the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Monday, April 25, 2016

## PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY

in Winston-Salem and commend the positive influence of the members on this city.

Given under my hand and seal this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

ALLEN JOINES

  
Mayor

