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HR_____ RECOGNIZING PARENTAL ALIENATION PREVENTION WEEK APRIL
21 THROUGH APRIL 27, 2024.

WHEREAS, strong family relationships constitute the
foundation of our community; and

WHEREAS, alienating behaviors are commonly observed
in high-conflict divorces, separations, and imbalanced
custody arrangements, but can also occur in intact
marriages; and

WHEREAS, Parental Alienation is a term used to
describe any number of behaviors and attitudes on the part
of one parent, both parents, or a third party that is
designed to interfere, damage, or destroy the relationship a
child has with the other parent, constituting a form of
emotional abuse with lasting effects on the children; and

WHEREAS, Parental Alienation denies children their
fundamental right to freely love and receive love from both
parents and extended family members, undermining their sense
of security; and

WHEREAS, the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of
Mental Disorders makes several references to the
dysfunctional family dynamic of alienation as a form of
psychological child abuse; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 40,000 children in Alabama
annually endure court-mandated visitation with one parent



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29 for only two to six days a month; and

30 WHEREAS, Parental Alienation Prevention Week aims to
31 raise awareness and understanding of this issue, empowering
32 Alabamians, institutions, legal and mental health
33 professionals, and leaders to identify and address parental
34 alienation effectively; and

35 WHEREAS, on April 25, 2024, at noon, soap bubbles
36 will be released to symbolize the love children possess and
37 should be able to freely express towards both parents
38 without fear or guilt; now therefore,

39 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
40 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the week of April 21 through
41 April 27, 2024, is recognized as Parental Alienation
42 Prevention Week and April 25, 2024, is recognized as
43 Parental Alienation Awareness "Bubbles for Love" Day.