

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, held annually on April 25th, Parental Alienation Awareness Day was established 2005 by the **Parental Alienation Awareness Organization** (PAAO) as part of a worldwide awareness campaign; and

WHEREAS, parental alienation is defined as behaviors, whether verbal or non-verbal, by a parent or other individual, that causes a child to be mentally manipulated or bullied into believing a sincerely loving parent is to be feared, hated, disrespected, and/or avoided; and

WHEREAS, considered a form of child abuse, parental alienation often occurs in high-conflict marriages, divorces, or separations, and it deprives children the right to be loved by and show love for both their parents and extended families; and

WHEREAS, the Parental Alienation Awareness Organization is a global association whose mission includes educating the public and professionals by offering seminars, conferences, and meetings, and by collecting and disseminating information on parenting; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the **9th Annual Parental Alienation Awareness Day**, a “*Bubbles of Love*” event will be held on April 25, 2014, at noon in cities around the world, including Canada and the United States, and in the city of Tampa, Florida at Ballast Point Park, whereby participants will blow bubbles in celebration of children.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 25, 2014 as

“PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY”

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to learn more about the Parental Alienation Campaign and take part in this most noteworthy effort.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 16th day of April, 2014.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

