

Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, held annually on April 25th, **Parental Alienation Awareness Day** was established in 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 highconflict 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 Kids Need Both, Inc. is a Florida nonprofit family advocacy organization with a mission of bringing education and mediation to professional and individuals impacted by high conflict families through co-parenting education and child visitation solutions; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Parental Alienation Awareness Day, a "*Bubbles of Love*" event will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2020, at noon in cities around the world, including Canada and the United States, and in the city of Tampa, Florida, whereby participants will blow soap bubbles in celebration of children.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Saturday, April 25, 2020 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 10th day of March, 2020.

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