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**TOWN OF ERWIN DECLARES APRIL 25, 2014  
PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY**  
Proclamation 2014-012

**Whereas**, Parental Alienation is defined as the mental manipulation of children with the sole purpose of destroying a child's relationship with a living parent; and

**Whereas**, the main arena where Parental Alienation is found is high conflict divorce and custody disputes; and

**Whereas**, professionals have defined parents who engage in this manipulation as the The Alienating Parent, or Alienator; and

**Whereas**, professionals have defined parents who suffer the consequences of the Alienator as the Targeted Parent; and

**Whereas**, Parental Alienation deprives children of their right to love and be loved by the Targeted Parent; and

**Whereas**, Parental Alienation takes advantage of the suggestible, impressionable and dependent nature of children; and

**Whereas**, Parental Alienation is considered harmful to children as the alienating tactics used on the children are confusing, frightening, and rob children of their sense of security; and

**Whereas**, speaking negatively about a parent to or in front of a child; interfering with communication and visitation; and discussing inappropriate information with a child can not only destroy the bond between a loving parent and child, but can cause a child mental and emotional harm; and

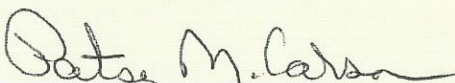
**Whereas**, there is little public awareness of Parental Alienation, and it is growing issue in cases of divorce and separation; and

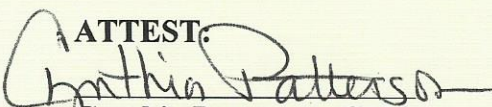
**Whereas**, education and awareness are effective tools against Parental Alienation; and

**Whereas**, Parental Alienation Awareness Day is an opportunity to educate judges, law enforcement, family law attorneys, family services agencies, educators and mental health professionals of the issues surrounding Parental Alienation; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Erwin Mayor Patsy M. Carson, and Board of Commissioners hereby proclaim April 25, 2014 as The Parental Alienation Awareness Day in Erwin, NC.

**DULY ADOPTED**, this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2014.

  
Patsy M. Carson, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
Cynthia Patterson, CMC  
Town Clerk

"Pride In Our Past - Hope In Our Future"