

# City of Indio

## Proclamation

### Parental Alienation Awareness Day

**WHEREAS**, Parental Alienation, sometimes called Hostile Aggressive Parenting, is a behavior by a parent or an adult a child trusts that could create alienation in the relationship between a child and a parent; and

**WHEREAS**, Parental Alienation whether verbal or non-verbal, can cause a child to be mentally manipulated or bullied into believing a loving parent is the cause of all their problems; and

**WHEREAS**, Parental Alienation can be mild and temporary or extreme and ongoing; and

**WHEREAS**, most researchers believe that any alienation of a child against a parent is harmful to the child's emotional and mental health; and

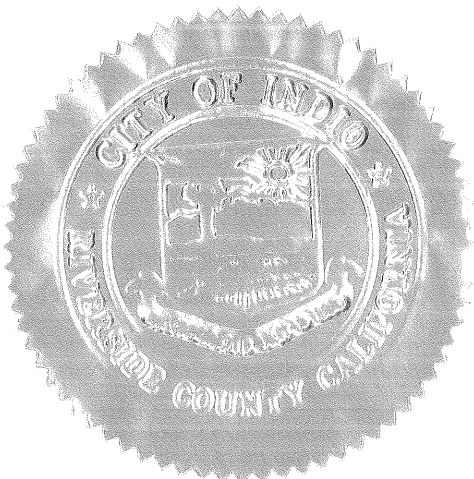
**WHEREAS**, extreme obsessive and ongoing Parental Alienation can cause terrible psychological damage to children extending well into adulthood; and

**WHEREAS**, if more people know about how Parental Alienation works and how damaging these behaviors are to children, then more people can help deal with the problem; and

**WHEREAS**, Parental Alienation Awareness Day is intended to increase the knowledge and understanding of this problem to help parents and caregivers better raise their children.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I**, Elaine Holmes, Mayor of the City of Indio, California, do hereby proclaim April 25, 2012 as "Parental Alienation Awareness Day" in the City of Indio to recognize the importance of raising awareness of the severity of Parental Alienation.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET  
MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE CITY OF  
INDIO, THIS 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2013.**



**Elaine Holmes, Mayor**  
Indio, California