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# Proclamation

## “PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY”

**WHEREAS**, parental alienation is a behavior by a parent or an adult trusted by a child, either mild and temporary or extreme and ongoing, that could create intimidation in their relationship; and

**WHEREAS**, most researchers believe that this practice is always harmful to a child’s emotional and mental health; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to recognize and stop the harmful behaviors of the adults before “symptoms” develop in the child and behavior escalates in the adult; and

**WHEREAS**, alienating behaviors are disturbing, confusing and frightening to the child, and can rob the child of their sense of security and safety leading to maladaptive emotional reactions; and

**WHEREAS**, as society becomes increasingly aware and educated about the problem, the more people can help deal with it; and

**WHEREAS**, the day represents the fact that love cannot and should not be contained and honors all children who need to love and be loved by their parents and family members without fear of repercussions;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, PHIL DYER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PLANO, TEXAS, do hereby proclaim Thursday, April 25, 2013 as “Parental Alienation Awareness Day” in Plano, and I do thereby encourage all citizens to join me and the Plano City Council in recognizing this problem. If we encourage those affected to seek assistance we will help eliminate these tragic situations.**



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