



## *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*, I, Don Higginson, Mayor of the City of Poway, do hereby proclaim April 25, 2013 to be "**Parental Alienation Awareness Day**" to recognize the importance of raising awareness of the severity of Parental Alienation.

April 25, 2013



Don Higginson, Mayor