

## Proclamation in recognition of

## PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, alienating behaviors are often found in high conflict divorce or never married and asymmetrical custody arrangements; 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, such as details of the separation, court proceedings, or financial matters, are behaviors that can not only destroy the bond between a loving parent and child, but can cause a child mental and emotional harm; and

WHEREAS, parental alienation takes advantage of the impressionable and dependent nature of children and deprives children of their right to love and be loved by both parents; and

WHEREAS, parental alienation is considered harmful to children, as the alienating tactics are confusing, frightening and rob children of their sense of security; and

WHEREAS, professionals agree that the problem of parental alienation is damaging to children and can affect them into adulthood, with tragic consequences; and

WHEREAS, with awareness comes education and understanding, and the power to stop the abuse of innocent children caught in the crossfire of the people they love.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Andy Steingold, Mayor of the City of Safety Harbor, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 25, 2014 as **PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY**.



In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Safety Harbor to be affixed at Safety Harbor this date

April 21, 2014

MAYOR-COMMISSIONER