

## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS Parents in high conflict situations may intentionally or otherwise cause children to suffer from Parental Alienation; and

WHEREAS Some of the behaviours of Parental Alienation include speaking negatively about a parent to or before a child and interfering with parental communication and time together; and

WHEREAS These destructive behaviours can interfere with a loving parent and child bond, depriving children of their right to love and be loved by both parents; and

WHEREAS These behaviours can be confusing, frightening and create a sense of insecurity well into adulthood; and

**WHEREAS** Awareness, education and understanding, play an important role in stopping the effects of Parental Alienation:

NOW THEREFORE, I, Brian Hayes, by virtue of the power vested in me as Acting Mayor of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, do hereby proclaim and pronounce April 25, 2009 "PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY" in the City of Sault Ste. Marie.

Signed,

Brian Hayes ACTING MAYOR