WHEREAS, courts and social service organizations in Florida recognize alienating behaviors in parents, which may be found in the context of divorce and custody situations, and encourage awareness and intervention of such behavior; and

WHEREAS, awareness fosters education and the power to protect our most vulnerable citizens, children, entangled in the emotional and legal complexities of the people they love; and

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

WHEREAS, professionals agree that when parental alienation exists, it can be damaging to children and affect them into adulthood, often with tragic consequences; and

WHEREAS, parental alienation deprives children of their right to love and be loved by both parents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK KRISEMAN, Mayor of the City of St. Petersburg do hereby proclaim April 25th, 2014

PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY

in St. Petersburg and I invite all citizens to join in the effort to stop innocent children from being affected by parental alienation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of St. Petersburg, County of Pinellas and State of Florida to be affixed this 25th day of April, 2014.

Rick Kriseman
Mayor