

# *Proclamation*

## **Parental Alienation Awareness Day**

**April 25, 2013**

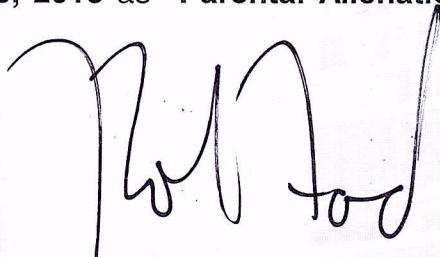
WHEREAS parental alienation is a social dynamic, generally occurring in high conflict parenting situations and during divorce or separation, when a child is influenced to express hatred, strong dislike or denigration of a parent.

The result of this behaviour often leads to emotional harm to the child and a damaged or broken relationship with a loving and loved parent and child.

Children who reject a parent are at great risk of long-term emotional damage. Types of consequences may include a lack of self confidence, lack of trust in others including intimate partners, a delusional disorder and some may exhibit oppositional defiant behaviours.

It is important to raise awareness and bring to light these types of behaviours and their impact on children in the hope of preventing parental alienation in our communities.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Rob Ford, on behalf of Toronto City Council, do hereby proclaim **April 25, 2013** as "**Parental Alienation Awareness Day**" in the City of Toronto.



Mayor Rob Ford  
City of Toronto