



Office of the Mayor

CITY OF VANCOUVER

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Proclamation

"PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY"

WHEREAS Alienating behaviours are often found in high conflict divorce and custody situations;

AND WHEREAS These behaviours, such as 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 marriage, court proceedings, or financial matters, can not only destroy the bond between a loving parent and child, but can cause mental and emotional harm to the child;

AND WHEREAS Parental Alienation takes advantage of the suggestibility and dependency of children;

AND WHEREAS Parental Alienation deprives children of their right to love and be loved by both parents;

AND WHEREAS Parental Alienation is considered harmful to children and robs them of their sense of security;

AND WHEREAS Professionals agree that the problem of Parental Alienation exists and is damaging to children and can affect them into adulthood with tragic consequences;

AND WHEREAS There are more than 2.4 million divorced North Americans including the parents of more than 1 million children under the age of eighteen, with nearly as many unmarried couples with children separating;

AND WHEREAS With awareness comes education and understanding:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gregor Robertson, Mayor of the City of Vancouver, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM Wednesday, April 25th, 2012 as

"PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY"

in the City of Vancouver.

Gregor Robertson
MAYOR

