



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 Saturday, April 25th, 2009, as*

"PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY"

in the City of Vancouver.


Gregor Robertson
MAYOR

