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PROCLAMATION

I, JEFF LEHMAN, Mayor of the City of BARRIE,

do hereby proclaim

April 25, 2014

as

PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS;** parental alienation is often found in high conflict separations, divorces and custody disputes, and takes advantage of the dependency and responsibility of a child; and
- WHEREAS;** parental alienation deprives a child of their right to a loving relationship with both parents, and interferes with a child's mental & emotional development; and
- WHEREAS;** parental alienation can be mild or to the extreme, conscious or unconscious, and can manipulate and undermine a parent's role in a child's life; and
- WHEREAS;** parental alienation behaviors such as denigrating the target parent, interfering with communication and visitation, confiding inappropriate adult information with a child; such as the details of the marriage breakdown, court proceedings and financial matters are considered harmful to the child's mental well being; and
- WHEREAS;** medical professionals agree the problem of parental alienation exists and can cause mental and emotional harm to a child; and can affect them as adults with tragic consequences; and
- WHEREAS;** with awareness, we can educate parents to act in their child's best interest, and gain education, understanding, and knowledge to prevent the abuse of the innocent victims involved in high conflict separations.
- THEREFORE,** I, Jeff Lehman, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim **April 25, 2014**, as **"Parental Alienation Awareness Day"**.



Jeff Lehman,
Mayor