



PROCLAMATION *of the* TOWN OF COATS

Parental Alienation Awareness Day in Coats N.C., April 25, 2014

WHEREAS, Parental Alienation is defined as the mental manipulation of children that undermines, damages, or destroys a child's relationship with a loving parent; and

WHEREAS, professionals have defined the alienating parent as the Alienator; and parents who suffer the consequences as the Targeted Parent; and

WHEREAS, Parental Alienation deprives children of their right to love and be loved by the Targeted Parent; 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, the following actions do cause a child mental and emotional harm: encouraging a child to disrespect or reject a loving parent; undermining a parents' role in the life of their child; interfering with communication, discussing inappropriate information or speaking negatively about a parent to or in front of a child; and

WHEREAS, Parental Alienation takes advantage of the suggestible, impressionable and dependent nature of children; and

WHEREAS, there is little public awareness of Parental Alienation; and

WHEREAS, education and awareness are effective tools against Parental Alienation; and

WHEREAS, Parental Alienation Awareness Day is an opportunity to educate judges, law enforcement, family law attorneys, family services agencies, educators and mental health professionals of the issues surrounding Parental Alienation; and

Now, therefore, I, Walter Weeks, Mayor of the Town of Coats, North Carolina, on behalf of the Town Council and citizens of Coats, do hereby applaud the Parental Alienation Awareness Organization and PA Awareness NC for their desire to educate the public of this form of child abuse and proudly proclaim **April 25, 2014, as Parental Alienation Awareness Day**, and do hereby encourage citizens to recognize the negative impacts of PA, and to seek ways to eliminate this divisive issue that erodes family bonding among our youngest and most vulnerable residents.

Cortney Kerns, Town Clerk

Walter Weeks, Mayor

Duly adopted this 10 day of April, 2014.

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