

Proclamation

PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS

WHEREAS, Parental Alienation is defined as the mental manipulation of children with the sole purpose of destroying a child's relationship with a loving parent; and

WHEREAS, the main arena where Parental Alienation is found in high conflict divorce and custody disputes; and

WHEREAS, professionals have defined parents who engage in this manipulation as the Alienating Parent, or Alienator; and

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

WHEREAS, Parental Alienation takes advantage of the suggestible, impressionable and dependent nature of children; 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, speaking negatively about a parent to or in front of a child; interfering with communication and visitation; and discussing inappropriate information with a child can not only destroy the bond between a loving parent and a child, but can cause a child mental and emotional harm; and

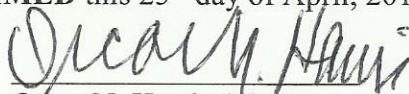
WHEREAS, there is little public awareness of Parental Alienation, and it is a growing issue in cases of divorce and separation; and


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.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Oscar N. Harris, Mayor of the City of Dunn and on behalf of the City Council and citizens of Dunn, do hereby applaud the Parental Alienation Awareness Organization for their desire to educate the public of this form of child abuse and proudly proclaim April 25, 2014, "**Parental Alienation Awareness Day**" in the City of Dunn.

PROCLAIMED this 25th day of April, 2014.


Oscar N. Harris, Mayor

Attest:

Debra G. West, City Clerk

