

# VILLAGE OF GRANDVIEW

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Executive Department  
In the Name and By the Authority of the Village of Grandview

## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:** alienating behaviors are often found in high conflict divorce and custody situations;
- WHEREAS:** these behaviors, 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 as the alienating tactics used on the children are confusing, frightening, and rob children of their sense of security; and
- WHEREAS:** Professionals agree that the problem of Parental Alienation 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 one million children under the age of eighteen, with nearly as many unmarried couples with children separating; and
- WHEREAS:** With awareness comes education and understanding, and the power to stop the abuse of innocent children caught in the crossfire of the people they love:
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Woollen,** Village President of the Village of Grandview, do hereby proclaim April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012, as

## PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY

In the Village of Grandview.



**In Testimony Whereof,** I have hereunto  
Subscribed my name and caused the great  
Seal of the state of Illinois to be affixed.  
Done at Village Office, April 3, 2012