

STATE OF INDIANA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS, Alienating behaviors are often found in high conflict divorce and custody situations; and
- WHEREAS, 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 destroy the bond between a loving parent and child; and
- WHEREAS, Parental Alienation takes advantage of the dependency of children with the sole purpose of destroying a loving relationship they once shared with a parent; and
- WHEREAS, The most common symptom of children affected by Parental Alienation is their severe opposition to, or fear of, contact with one parent when there is no justifiable cause to explain the child's behavior; and
- WHEREAS, Parental Alienation is a form of child abuse as the alienating tactics used on the children are confusing, frightening, and rob children of their sense of security; 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, Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim April 25, 2009 as

Parental Alienation Awareness Day

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I hereto  
set my hand and cause to be affixed the  
Great Seal of State. Done at the  
City of Indianapolis, this 25<sup>th</sup>  
day of March in the year of our  
Lord 2009 and of the Independence  
of the United States 232.*



BY THE GOVERNOR:

*M E Daniels, Jr.*