

# Proclamation

## State of New York

WHEREAS, the New York State Senate does desire to take note and publicly acknowledge occasions that are of great importance to the community; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Senate recognizes today, April 25, 2011, as **PARENTAL ALIENATION DAY**, to raise awareness and understanding of an issue that affects both parents and children; and

WHEREAS, **PARENTAL ALIENATION** is usually found in high conflict divorce and custody situations and comprises of speaking negatively about a parent to or in front of a child, interfering with communication and visitation; and

WHEREAS, **PARENTAL ALIENATION** takes advantage of suggestibility and dependency of children with the sole purpose of destroying a loving relationship they once shared with a parent; and

WHEREAS, the most common sign of **PARENTAL ALIENATION** is children opposing or fearing contact with one parent when there is no justifiable cause to explain the child's behavior; and

WHEREAS, **PARENTAL ALIENATION** is considered to be a form of child abuse as the alienating tactics used on children are confusing and frightening, thus robbing them of their sense of security; and

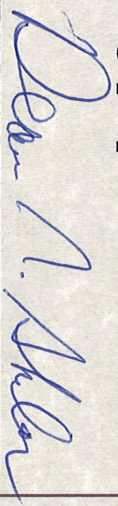
WHEREAS, **PARENTAL ALIENATION** is seen as a way to deprive children of their right to love and be loved by both parents; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Senate recognizes **PARENTAL ALIENATION DAY** as a way to raise awareness through education and understanding of this serious problem and how it could affect both children and their parents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SENATE MAJORITY LEADER DEAN G. SKELOS, on behalf of the New York State Senate, do hereby present this proclamation in recognition of

### **PARENTAL ALIENATION DAY**

In the hope that spreading the word about this problem will lead to the prevention of harm to our young people and their parents.



SENATOR DEAN G. SKELOS  
Senator - 9<sup>th</sup> District

