



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 2005 over 50,000 children in Florida were affected by divorce; and

WHEREAS, courts and social services in Florida recognize the importance of awareness and intervention for the prevention of alienating behaviors for the benefit of families and children; and

WHEREAS, with awareness comes education and the understanding and power to protect innocent children caught in the crossfire of the people they love; and

WHEREAS, professionals agree that when parental alienation exists, it is damaging to children and can affect them into adulthood with tragic consequences; and

WHEREAS, parental alienation may be considered a form of child abuse as the alienating tactics used on the child are confusing, frightening, and rob the child of their sense of security; and

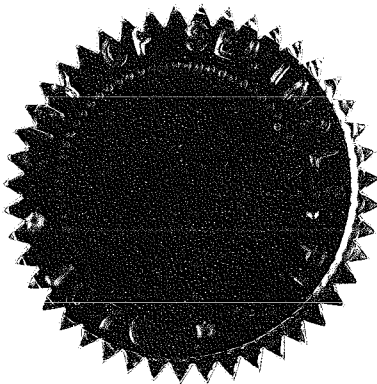
WHEREAS, parental alienation deprives children of their right to love and to be loved by both parents; and

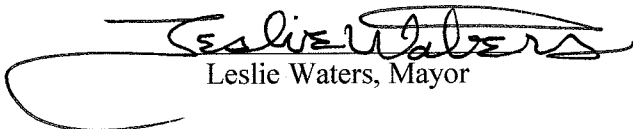
WHEREAS, alienating behaviors, may be found in the context of divorce and custody situations and can damage or destroy the bond between a loving parent and child.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Leslie Waters, by the virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Seminole, do hereby proclaim the 25th of April as:

“PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Seminole, Florida, to be affixed this 25th day of April, 2014.




Leslie Waters, Mayor