

Proclamation

City of Springfield, Illinois

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

WHEREAS, Parental Alienation involves the systematic brainwashing and manipulation of children with the sole purpose of destroying a loving and warm relationship they once shared with a parent; and

WHEREAS, the most common symptom of children affected by Parental Alienation is their severe opposition to contact with one parent and/or overt hatred or fear toward such parent when there is little or no logical reason to explain the child's behavior; and

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

WHEREAS, Parental Alienation is considered 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, professionals agree that the problem of Parental Alienation exists and is damaging to children and can affect them into adulthood with tragic consequences; and

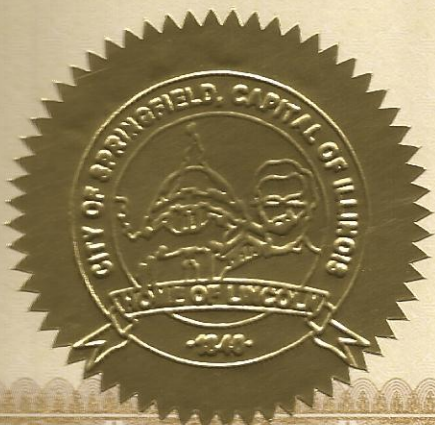
WHEREAS, with awareness comes education and understanding, and the power to stop the abuse of innocent children caught in the crossfire of the people they love.

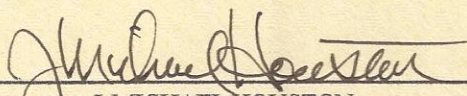
NOW THEREFORE I, J. Michael Houston, Mayor of the City of Springfield, Illinois, do hereby proclaim April 25, 2012 to be

PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY

in the City of Springfield.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Springfield to be affixed this 17th day of April 2012.




J. MICHAEL HOUSTON
MAYOR