

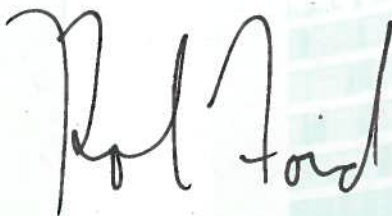
*Proclamation***Parental Alienation Awareness Day****April 25, 2014**

WHEREAS parental alienation is most likely to take place during separation or divorce. It occurs when deliberately hostile verbal or symbolic acts by a child's parent or caregiver towards the other parent creates a negative representation of the other parent. This harmful environment results in feelings of estrangement for the child who is placed in the middle of a difficult situation.

The long-term harm to the child may include some or all of the following issues: lack of trust in authority figures, fear of intimacy, depression, anxiety and suicide.

Raising awareness about the behaviours, consequences and remedies of parental alienation, will provide children in the community with the positive support and important resources they need.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Rob Ford, on behalf of Toronto City Council, do hereby proclaim **April 25, 2014** as "**Parental Alienation Awareness Day**" in the City of Toronto.



Mayor Rob Ford
City of Toronto