

JOHN TORY
MAYOR

Proclamation

Parental Alienation Awareness Day

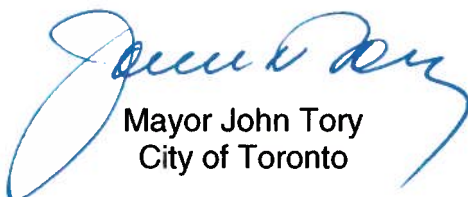
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WHEREAS Parental Alienation occurs when non-accidental, delusional, verbal or symbolic acts by a child's parent or caregiver result in negative attributions of the other parent's intentions, hostility toward or scapegoating of the other parent, resulting in unwarranted feelings of estrangement for the child. The estrangement will likely extend to other family members.

The inevitable long-term harm to the child may include some or all of the following: issues over trust, authority figures, intimacy, depression, anxiety, and suicide. Parental Alienation is a form of child abuse, specifically psychological and emotional abuse.

Raising awareness about the behaviours, consequences and remedies of Parental Alienation, which are most likely to occur during separation or divorce, will prevent a large number of children in our community from unnecessary suffering and harm.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor John Tory, on behalf of Toronto City Council, do hereby proclaim **April 25, 2015** as "**Parental Alienation Awareness Day**" in the City of Toronto.



Mayor John Tory
City of Toronto